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Even with the shell of our burned building in the background, life seems to go on. Could it be because we have experienced a more piercing fire than that which gutted our material things? We know a more powerful force than what can take away our earthly goods. We do not put our worth in the tangibles, but place our hope in a holy God. That is why, months after this tragedy, we can stand and truly say

We're Still On Fire!

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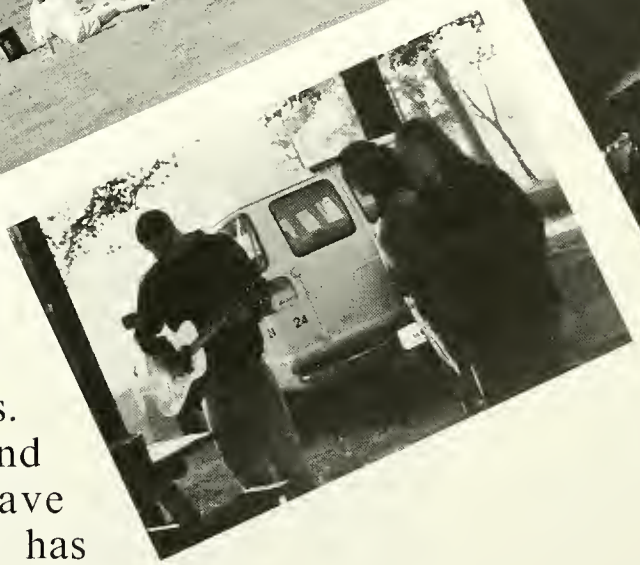
Realizing that it is often a risk to state the obvious, the fire that swept through our Administration building this February has created a schism. This year seems to have been split in two, but not with Christmas break as the median. Instead, we relate to our life here on the hill as pre-fire and post-fire. The following pages contain a reflection of that mindset, going in general chronological order with the fire as a divider. This is a monumental example of the power of our God and the temporal nature of so much we hold dear. Perhaps it was Satan who started the fire in our building, but it was most definitely God who directed it and who is continuing to use this event in our lives. Many tears have been shed, and many optimistic words have been given. Our testimony has shone to those outside our community and our God has been glorified. If that is always our main goal, will we not always shine? Our task now is to not lose our steady confidence in God's providence and to be constantly aware of all that He continues to do for us.



Pre-Fire

Life was so peaceful and serene on Bryan Hill. We were so comfortable. We took much for granted in our bubble. We did give God the glory for the obvious and anything else that came to mind. But, oh what things we took for granted! One thing many of us did not fully appreciate was the Administration building on our own campus. How do we know this? Compare the amount of pictures taken during/after the fire to those taken before. How we struggled to find a shot of that building before it became a charred shell. There were shots with a building background, shots of people in the building, and even people working outside of the building, but no shots just of the building. In retrospect, what should our attitude have been?

Let the games begin!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Taking a break from the Welcome Week festivities, even the parking lot serves as a place of leisure for Nathanael Goggans' and Julie Barfield's small group.
Photo by Steve Paulson

With her new beanie, Elaine Davis is ready for action.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mr. Bruce Morgan teaches Mr. Matt Benson how it's done.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Welcome Week

A President Speaks of Her First Week.

Confusion outlined the arrival and registration of our freshman class (c/o 2003!!!). This confusion is formally known as welcome week. We scrambled to obtain bank accounts, join small groups, decorate our rooms, register for classes, say our final goodbyes, and wait in line for hours and hours only to find that the I.D. picture machine is broken. Amidst this "confusion", we defined our expectations of Bryan for the next four years. We expect to be challenged. We expect to learn. We expect to be broken. We expect to grow. We expect to seek the Lord. We expect to worship. We expect to place Christ above all. We expect to unite.

Our class has an incredible and ever-increasing desire to please the Lord. Our prayer is that we never lose this thirst for Christ.

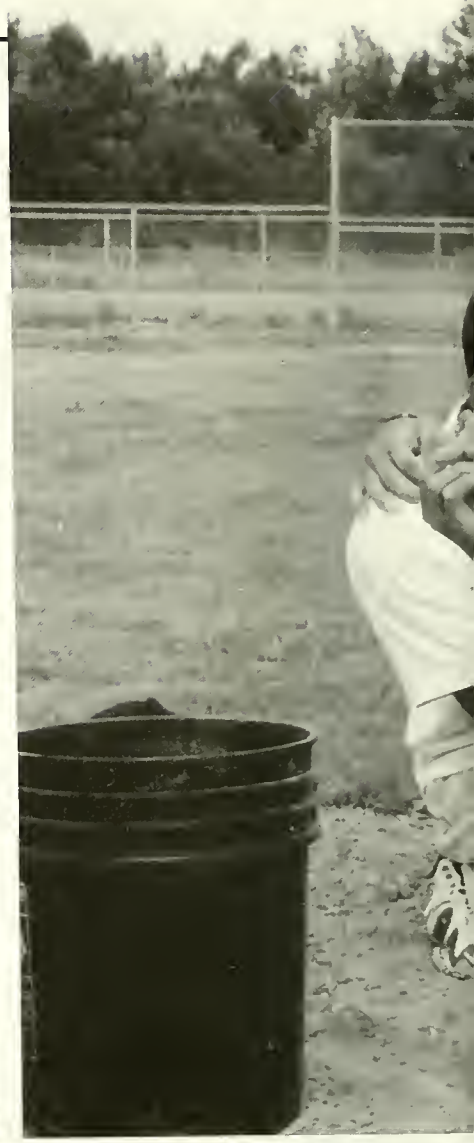
"The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all; is the privilege of meditating in His temple, living in His presence everyday of my life, delighting in His incomparable glory." - Psalm 27:4

by Jewel Gardner, Class President

Julie Crawford, Chasity Snowden, and Jessica Roman learn the ropes.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tell them what freshman life is really like, David.
Photo by Steve Paulson

David Dahlke and Chris Gruver show off the rocks they are picking up.
Photo by Steve Paulson



The freshmen learn the meaning of hard work before it is put to the test during the semester.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jewel Gardner, Kathleen Fischer, Brooke Wilson, Amy Poole, James Mitchell, Emily Smith, Heather Smith, Leah Hochanadel, David Arute, Sasha Morgan, Joey Amadee, Claire Williams, Quentin McCuiston, and Rachel Held get down and dirty to help the community.
Photo submitted by Jewel Gardner

Danny Arwe, Sarah Drake, Donna Scheibe, and Charity Simmons show they are willing to get dirty to help others.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Service Project

It is customary during the opening week of each school year to provide an opportunity for service. This year, the freshmen and small group leaders were able to help on the new softball fields here in Dayton. Because they were so new, the rocks had not been removed from the playing area yet. Our willing students assisted on a Saturday by tediously picking up each and every rock. It was a fun time to spend with other students, getting to know each other and serving someone else. This is definitely a tradition that should be continued.

by Jill Womack

Debra Smith, Shelly Carroll, and Rachel Pierce sift through the dirt around home plate to pick up even the smallest rocks.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Donnie Gleason and Michael Brown laugh over the size of the rocks they are collecting.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Student Government Association

My experience in SGA was absolutely tremendous this year. Serving as the Executive Assistant gave me the opportunity to be involved in the things going on around campus and to get a feel for all that SGA actually does for students. Not only do they provide activities for us, but they also minister spiritually to the student body, serve as a liaison between students and the administration, and even work with the Operations department on issues that concern students. Sometimes the issues we dealt with were tough and the meeting were long (the record was five and a half hours!), but we feel like we accomplished a lot for the student body this year. In a way, it seems like the difficulties surrounding the fire in February served to bring us all closer together, and I feel like SGA had a large part in that, doing things like providing refreshments for the student workers clearing the building and an information distribution center for faculty and students. It wasn't all work this year, however. We had a great group of corporate body members who could work well together and have fun at the same time. Times when we were all together like the spring and fall leadership conferences will be fun that I know we will all remember. My experience in SGA has been one othat impacted my life and one that I definitely enjoyed.

by Adam Parker

Dara Ballard, Charlie Phillips, Jewel Gardner, Christina Senter, Ben Lavoie, Lesley Cole, Jenny Ruark, Josh Daugereau, Stephanie Wise, Kevin Ingolfsland, Sarah White, Kent Suter, and Mitch Hoskins serve the school in leadership.
Photo by Michael Brown

RA's discuss ideas for the coming year at the RA Retreat.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Resident Assistants

Sarah Martin, Heidi Rew, Oleg Matsko, Jewel Gardner, Erin Seale, Heather Steele, and Rachel Held go shopping during the SGA Leadership Conference.
Submitted by Jewel Gardner

Zac, Olivia, Bruce, Tim S., Vashti, Amy, Krista H., Jalena, Brenda, Phil, Jen, Jill, Sarah, Krista B., Tara, Kristen, Jenny, Myra, Matt, Chad, Tim U., Josh
Photo by Steve Paulson

I think everyone should be an RA. I love it because at the beginning of every year, the SDO staff hands out these "wonder pills" to all the RA's. These pills give unlimited energy and make us perfect in every way. In fact, since the day that I partook of the pill, I haven't skipped a single class and I've been to every single chapel. (And I loved them and was wide awake! Can you imagine?) Plus (this is the good part), I haven't committed a sin or broken a rule. It's amazing! No wonder they say that we're a breed of our own! And no wonder everyone is afraid of us! Who wouldn't be?!

Just kidding. Believe it or not, RA's are *just like everyone else* (but don't tell anyone). We aren't the perfect Christians, we don't go to every chapel, and, I know this is hard to believe, but we're NOT out to get you. We're not the mafia. We're just a small group of crazy college college students who happen to get the privilege of encouraging our fellow students to live like Christ — and having that be our job.

We've definitely had fun this year — from Bruce's bad dreams to the Monday night wrestling matches at our meetings. There are so many memories and funny stories to tell, but I think the thing that stands out most to me about being an RA this year has been on a more personal level. I'm thankful for the chance to have gotten to know people besides the friends I hang out with on a regular basis. God has also worked in me through this position — changing my hard heart and revealing some of my flaws and guiding me to become more like Him. It was, overall, a good experience. I learned a lot and it was a blast.

by Kristen Immel

The RA's of Arnold (Jenn Smith, Jill Reeves, and Olivia Fagan) enjoy dinner with their RD, Myra Goza.
Submitted by Jill Reeves

The Kemner family enjoys a wonderful Argo's meal.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Wait, Donna, can I have some?
Photo by Steve Paulson

Forget the games, let's eat!
Photo by Steve Paulson

All-School Picnic

Kicking off the school year, we all gathered for a time of fellowship at Fall Creek Falls. We played games in the morning — class against class. **Winner of class competitions?** Afterwards, we had some chicken grilled for us by none other than our very own faculty members. After we ate, we were free to do whatever we wanted. Some of us hiked to the bottom of the falls. Some explored the swinging bridge and swam in the cold water. It was a nice day for all of us to get together and spend some time of fellowship before the school year was officially kicked off.

by Sara Perelman

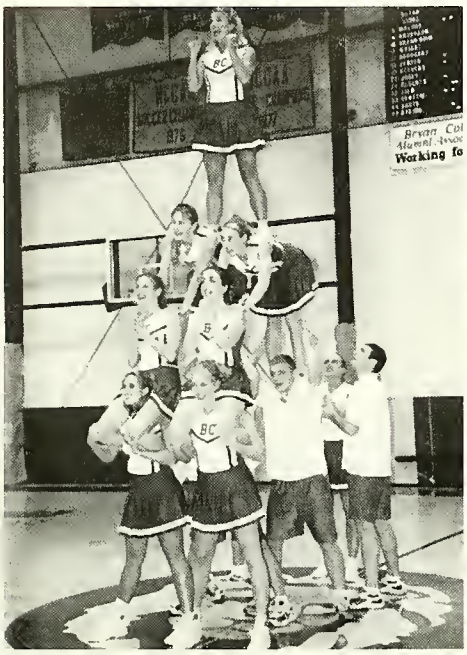
No rest for the weary - keep that chicken coming!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Suzie, so nice of you to share your brownies.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Come on guys, you'd think Ky Heinze was on the other side of the rope!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Shanna Kelsay, James Wolfe, Shannon Kilgore, Rusty Kalenza, Kimberly Berry, Tabitha Moe, and Chris Gardner lead the crowd in cheering for the Bryan Lions.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Our cheerleaders show off one of their prize-winning stunts.
Photo by Steve Paulson



All the other cheerleaders watch as Julie Drown finishes psyching up the crowd for the next great play.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Cheerleading

Jason Wasser shows that he is just as good at cheerleading in the air as on the ground.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Kelley Atkins supports her team with a smile and face paint.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The Bryan Lion cheerleaders perform another crowd-pleasing stunt.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tabitha Moe, Shannon Kilgore, Julie Drown, Kimberly Berry, Joshua Hood, and Jason Wasser get ready to sweat it up to cheer the Lions to victory.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The Elms perform for the masses at BryanFest.
Photo by Steve Paulson

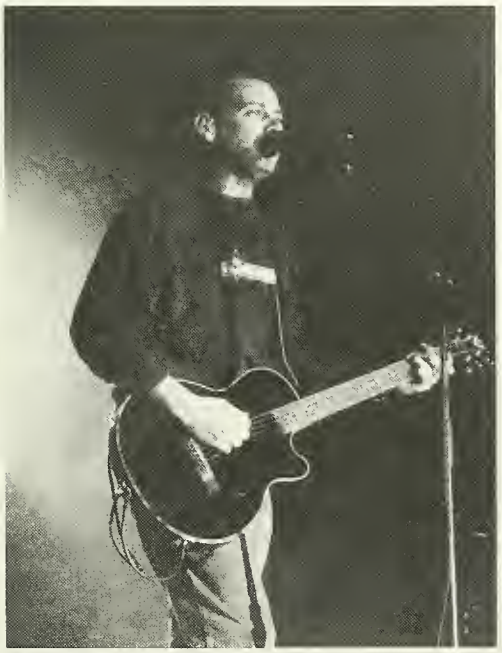
Big Tent Revival: The Main Attraction.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Polarboy performs proudly for the populous.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Bryan Fest

When Homecoming rolled around, students, alumni, and Caravaners alike were treated to the musical sounds of the first-ever BryanFest. BryanFest was a musical festival, which included the groups The Elms, Plaid, Polarboy, and the headlining group Big Tent Revival. During the course of the event, festival-goers danced and moshed their way into the evening hours and into school history. Bodysurfing was an event enjoyed by much of the crowd with many of our well-known and loved professor's sons atop the array of people (namely, Drs. Legg and Fouts). Even though the school was expecting a large crowd to attend the inaugural event, only a small percentage showed. This lack of numbers, however, was attributed to first-year struggles. BryanFest is expected to be a much bigger and better event for the 2000 schedule - complete with more well-known performers and a more organized structure. Eventually, BryanFest is geared to become one of the top Christian music festivals in this area.

by Chasity Oldham



Big Tent Revival leads the crowd in praise and worship.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Not everyone got to be in the limelight. It took a lot of behind-the-scenes effort from many dedicated people.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The messes - I mean, masses.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The Lady Lions prowl the soccer field two by two during practice. IPhoto by Steve Paulson

Lisa Boehmer does what is necessary to get the ball away from the opponent. *Photo by Steve Paulson*

Coach's Comments

This year's freshman recruiting class was the best yet, with five of them earning starting positions. Seniors Baker, Jenkins, Hammond, Fagan, and James were the best role models we've ever had on the squad. The younger players could look to them and see how they were expected to perform and live, both on and off the field.

The most credible commendations come from outside. A college coach from Georgia, who played many of the colleges in our area, has gone on record saying Bryan has the best program in the area. What makes this all the more meaningful is this coach's evaluation is through a Christian worldview. To God be the glory.

Mindy Baker scrambles to get the ball away from the opposing team. *Photo by Steve Paulson*

Women's Soccer

During the Homecoming pep rally, Heather Hammond, Hannah Jenkins, Olivia Fagan, Mindy Baker, Tammy Smith, Lisa Boehmer, Jennifer Sams, Becky Kalz, Adrian Dewhurst, Marie Soyster, Mya Morrison, Megan Bales, Sharyn Rose, Jennifer Wilson, and Valerie Petitte encourage the crowd to come out and support the team at the game.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tammy Smith reaches the ball before anyone else and launches it toward the goal.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Adrian Dewhurst blocks the ball as back-up is quick to help get the ball headed in the right direction.
Photo by Steve Paulson

SAM

Making a Lasting Difference In the Lives of the Elderly

The Senior Adult Ministry is a way to be involved in the lives of the elderly who do not have family and friends nearby. Once a week several different groups go into the community and make an ever-changing impression on someone's life. It is so special to see the light in a person's eyes come alive when attention has been shown to a needy soul. Bryan has a great opportunity to be a witness to the elderly through this ministry. Sharing your life with another person is never time wasted.

by Jennifer Berry

Michelle Mundy and Andrew Nigh help one of the ladies make Easter baskets from milk cartons for the members of the Senior Citizens Center and other seniors living in the area.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Andrew Nigh confidently shows the best way to cover the milk cartons.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Becca Paul, Kimberlee Allum, Jennifer Berry, Michelle Mundy, Kristen Baldwin, Michelle Largent, April Phillips, Ben Lavoie, Erika Craig, and Jason Eridson visit senior citizens weekly through this PCI ministry.
Photo by Christine Dennis

The senior citizens enjoy their visits with Bryan College students.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Josh Mullins, Ben Lavoie, Jason Erikson, and Kristen Baldwin make a weekly habit of playing with the "Scrabble Lady."
Photo by Bethany Horton

April Phillips and Erika Craig take time for cards, coffee, and decent talk with some dear friends.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Chad and Mindy try to hold back their excitement after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Lorraine, Mindy, and Ronda enjoy their time together at Homecoming.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The Homecoming Court
Photo by Steve Paulson

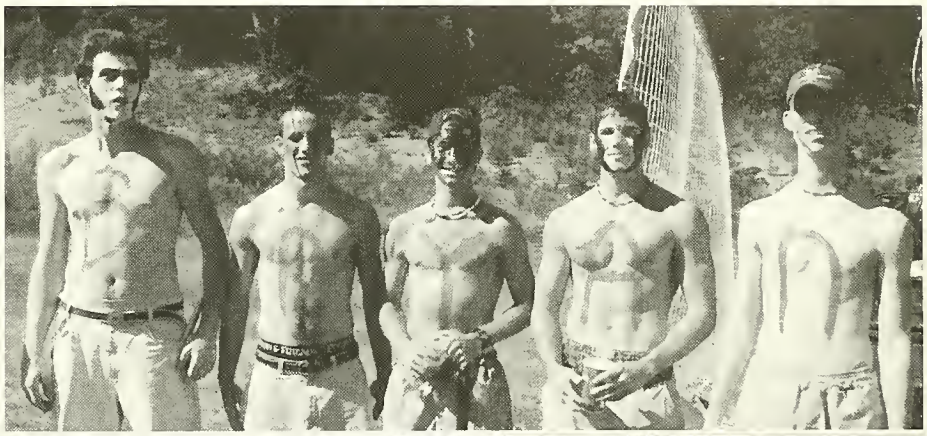
Josh Drake and Josh Hood show their true colors during Spirit Week.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tonight, I'm gonna party like it's 1972!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Homecoming

The first five days of "Spirit Week" were highlighted by wild and crazy attire donned in support of Bryan College athletics and all-around school spirit. Each day had its own theme - "Color Day," "Decade Day," "Down on the Farm Day," "Red and Gold Day," and "Bryan Wear Day." Spirit Week, with all its antics and exuberance, culminated with Homecoming festivities on Saturday. Alumni from all over the U.S. came to the Bryan College campus for various reunions and events. But for the current Bryan students, the place to be on Saturday afternoon was the soccer fields. The activities included men's and women's soccer games versus Hannibal-LaGrange College. The moment everyone was waiting for, however, occurred at halftime of the men's soccer game. The Homecoming Court took the field and the King and Queen were crowned. The Homecoming Court included: Freshmen Josh Bales, Sasha Morgan, Quentin McCuiston, and Valerie Petitte; Sophomores Clinton Donough, Sarah Martin, Adam Parker, and Kelly Ambrose; Juniors Matt Johnson, Karen Chamberlin, Ben Lavoie, and Jennifer Musselman; and Seniors Jonathan Doran, Lorraine Gonce, Chad Owens, Mindy Baker, T.K. Knecht, and Ronda Bruce. Congratulations to our King and Queen - Chad Owens and Mindy Baker!!

by Sarah Drake



Chad and Mindy await the final decision.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Breaking school policy. . . for the sake of school spirit!
Photos by Steve Paulson

Sonia Samuelson, Hannah Hammond, Cassie Smith, Dawn Gebbie, and Robin Wedekind support their class.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The guys line up for a prayer before their game.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Armando Durante proudly shows off his battle wound as his wife Shannon laughs at his arrogance.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Coach's Comments

Best Memory: Without a doubt, it was the Wesleyan game. We were down to nine players and we won in double overtime to get the TVAC Championship. This was the highlight of my ten-year coaching career. It was also the most dramatic moment of Bryan soccer in the past ten years.

Seth Jensen looks back to see the ball fly through the goalkeeper's hands and into the net.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Men's Soccer

Pete Mitchell, Isidro Loaiza, Jayson Davidson, Coach Sandy Zensen, Moises Drumond, Daniel Nathan, Chili Mercado, Vinnie Castillo, Saulo Franca, Nate Krogel, Seth Jensen, Armando Durante, Gonzalo Cerna, Mr. Mike Weller, Phil Douglas, Tim Unsicker, James Hutcheson, Ben Carver, Peter McGrane
Photo by Tom Davis

Moises Drumond leans back to prepare to kick the soccer ball.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tim gets some air in a victorious attempt to head-butt the ball to his fellow Lions.
Photo by Steve Paulson

BEM

Bible Education Struggles to Minister in Public Schools

The Bible Education Ministry gives Bryan students an opportunity to teach the Word of God in four Rhea County public schools as well as to model Christ-like characteristics in the classroom. At the beginning of the year, approximately one-fifth of the student body committed to teaching every Thursday morning for a half an hour. BEM does not favor a certain denomination; the teaching comes directly from the Bible. The purpose of BEM is to plant the Word of God in the hears of young boys and girls, and we rest in the promise of Isaiah 55:11.

by Heather Steele

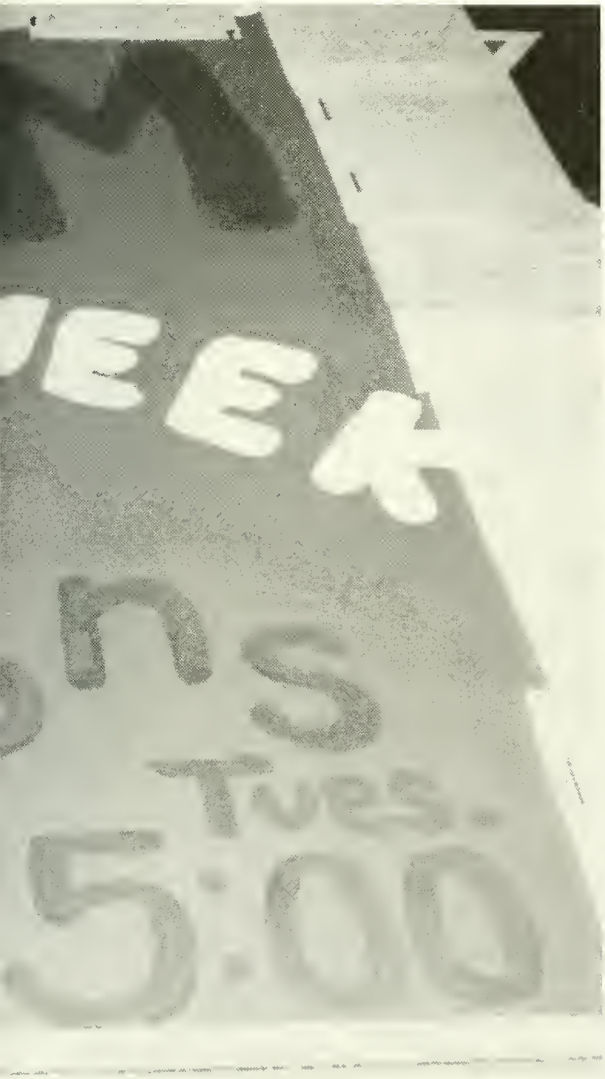
Leah Hochanadel teachers her BEM students how to do the hand motions to the song "Deep & Wide."
Photo by Sarah Drake

Though BEM was canceled for a couple of weeks, it continued on after much prayer.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Sarah Drake and Rachel Schmitt's BEM class.
Photo Submitted by Sarah Drake

First: Amy Poole, Ruth Schultz, Erica Herman, Jenny Ruark, Kelly Elledge, Charity Simmons, Audrey Jones, Kellie-Sue Gilmore, Tammy Smith, Laura Smith, Kimmie Hill, Kellie Hill. Second: Jenny Hughes, Rachel Snodgrass, Meredith Magner, Marie Soyster, Alicia McElrath, Chasity Oldham, Angie Smith, Lesley Cole, Travis Stevens, Michelle Largent, Kathleen Fischer. Third: Kristi Isbell, Sam Kostreva, Chris Wesson, Kent Ashley, Mark Gradin, Anna Lufi, and Clay Wortham teach third through fifth grade BEM classes.
Photo by Steve Paulson

First: Brenda Jordan, Rachel Palmer, Sarah Drake, Anna McSpadden, Leah Hochanadel. Second: Sarah Hess, Erin Seale, Katherine Hallquist, Sarah White, Gen Toth, Sheri Laws, Jennie Burleson. Third: Brooke Fleming, Cassie Joines, Matha West, Lea Hudson, Abby Miller, Kevin Ingolfsland, Susan Baker, John Ott, Beth Stotts, Heather-Lynn Burton, Lizzy Murphy, Julie Drown, Jodi Long, Brandi Gaskey, Erica Black, and Rachel Schmitt teach BEM to kindergarten through second grade students.
Photo by Steve Paulson



"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11

One of the best parts of my semester was driving cross-country to get to L.A. Here I am with my best friend Elaine somewhere in Arizona. (By the way, I highly recommend Arizona for a vacation destination.)

L.A. is only four hours from Vegas, so fifteen of us went for the weekend following "graduation." I'm still amazed that 12 people really can sleep in one hotel room!

(Top, Right) L.A. was not all hanging out on Studio lots. We also had to do schoolwork — ours just happened to be making films. Here, Josh and Derek are sorting through sections of film in order to edit their project.

L.A. Trip

If home is where the heart is, my home is definitely in Los Angeles. In Christian circles, Los Angeles is often referred to as the "Devil's backyard/playground," but I see it as a place of opportunity — opportunity to have an exciting and challenging career, to see those gorgeous Oscar dresses in person, to have easy access to places like Las Vegas and San Francisco, and to make an impact for Christ in the entertainment industry.

That's the spirit behind the Los Angeles Film Studies Center. A program endorsed by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Center's focus is to equip Christian students with the tools and connections to begin careers within the industry. Students who go through the program have required internships and often work with and for some very famous and talented people. Granted, you don't get to see these people much, but it sure does sound good to your friends back home!

Last semester, we had students working at the production companies of Jodie Foster, George Clooney, Joel Silver (of Die Hard fame), and James Cameron (Titanic). I worked on the NBC lot for a Spelling Entertainment soap opera called "Sunset Beach." Those of you who know me know that I was right in my element. That's right, it's all about hair and make-up.

Even though the internship is the major part of the L.A. experience, I did have to take classes. I now have training in areas such a producing, directing, editing, cinematography, lighting, and acting. (For you writers out there, you can also learn about screenwriting.) Honestly, it was one of the best times of my life. I learned a tremendous amount and loved scaring my mom with my purple hair and nose ring when I came home! (You know I had to at least appear like I had been living in the Devil's backyard!)

by Ashley Siskey

Ashley receiving farewell kisses from two of the cast members at "Sunset Beach," Dax Griffin and Nick Kiriaz.

This is me and Sunny Boling (Dr. Boling's daughter) on our first weekend there. It's amazing how God brought us thousands of miles away from home to create our friendship. If anything, the semester was worthwhile just for the friendships I formed.

Sunny Boling and Ashley with their prized possessions — shopping buggies and hub caps meant to be their future living room furniture. Don't worry, they weren't stolen. All items were abandoned and found alone on various Burbank streets.

Marla Osborne, Laura Smith, and Amy Lien rush to get the ball back to the other side of the court.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jan Moore raises her hands high to deliver a stunning serve to the other team.
Photo by Steve Paulson

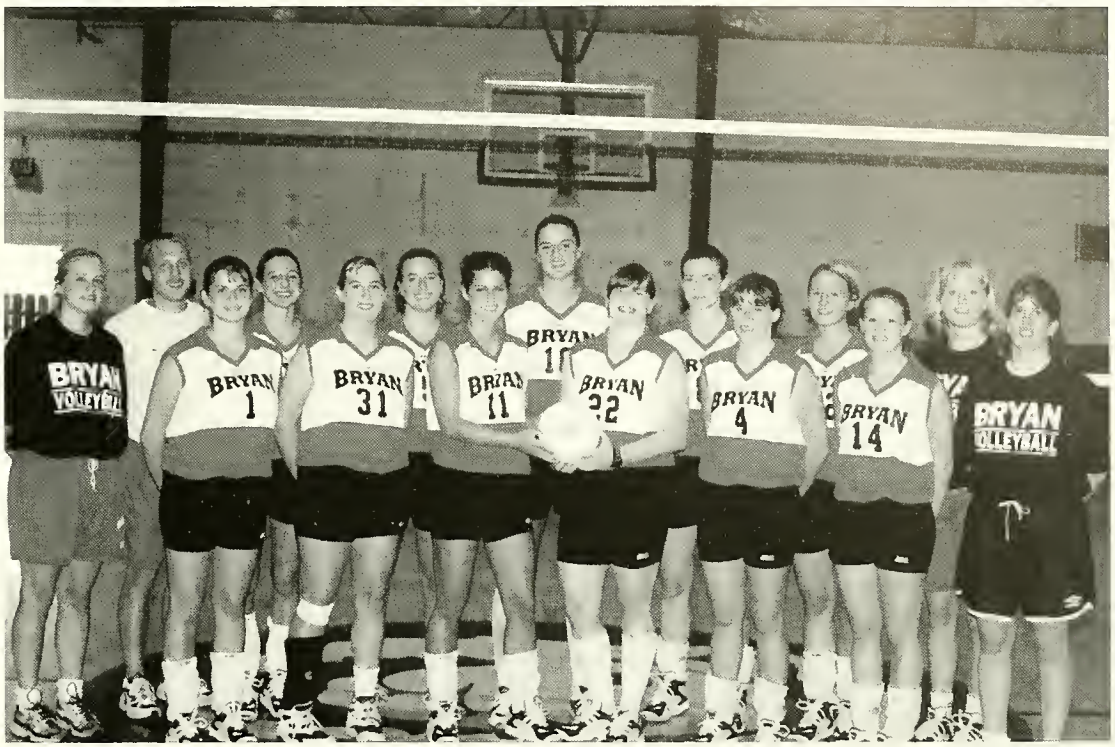
Coach's Comments

"There were spots that we could've played better and gone further. We started strong (6-0), which only helped build expectations for the year. We let a few games slip, but that is motivation for next year. Seniors have been part of the building process, have put things together and worked hard. They have had a huge impact on the team."

The volleyball team gathers around as Coach Jerri Beck gives them some words of wisdom and strategy.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Volleyball

Karen Chamberlin, Kelly Ambrose, Brooke Fleming, Jenny Heaton, Jan Moore, Marla Osborne, Coach Jerri Beck, Cheri Hogrefe, Nate Robinson, Laura Smith, Ronda Bruce, Amy Lien, Jessica Miller, Lindsey Hamilton and their trainer.
Photo by Tom Davis



Jumping several feet up in the air, Amy Lien spikes the ball for a point.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Marla Osborne sacrifices herself to save the ball and to impress those watching.
Photo by Steve Paulson

His Hands

Ministering Through Puppetry

Puppets have a unique gift to minister to children in a way that no "real person" can. They capture their attention and ignite imagination. For this reason, I consider it a real privilege to be able to use them in the public schools to teach God's Word. Since the His Hands ministry works so closely with BEM, the problems they encountered this year affected this ministry as well. We weren't sure what was going on for a while because we thought we might not be allowed in the schools anymore. But then we resumed our weekly excursions. At the beginning of the second semester, we were scrambling to get a new program together and ready to perform. And then, our second, more severe setback occurred when fire ravaged the building where all of our supplies were kept. It took a little while to get what we needed for our performances, and we performed a few times without a stage. We had some great BEM/CARE teachers who were willing to hold our curtain through the whole performance.

Despite our trials (which are insignificant compared to God's grace), we still had an awesome year of ministry for our Lord. A lot of the kids responded very well to our message and one class even made cards for us. It is so wonderful to be involved in a ministry that can reach some kids for Christ and I give Him all the glory.

by Jill Womack

Ben Johnston and Jenny Bradshaw set up for a puppet show.
Photo by Michael Brown

The puppets are a big hit with all the kids.
Photo by Michael Brown

Christine Dennis enjoys teaches different kids each week about the Bible through puppets.
Photo by Michael Brown

Jessica Romans, Ben Johnston, Jenny Bradshaw, Christine Dennis, Kimberlee Allum, and Jared Jones are the members of one of the puppet teams that ventures into the local schools to present the gospel.
Photo by Michael Brown

Josh Jahncke, Jill Womack, Sande Ray, Devin Hammonds, Alison Viner, and Kimberly Berry teach character education to children at Rhea Central.
Photo by Michael Brown

Jill leads her team of puppeteers with a beautiful smiling face into the wilds of elementary school.
Photo by Michael Brown

The Cast of *Twelfth Night*
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Lizzy Murphy and Michael Landry share a dance during the dress rehearsal.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Michael Brown getting a makeover - Don't try this at home!
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Twelfth Night

"I was one, sir, in this interlude; one Sir Topas, sir . . . ," and I loved it. Being in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* was a terrific honor. From the first day of practice, to the last night of performance, there was a mingling of intimdation and fun for me. Coming to college, a freshman not knowing very many people, was enough to give me a complex as a frightened little dork. But if I wanted to do something that I loved so much, which was acting, I was going to have to get up in front of all my peers, who I knew so few of (a thing that did very well in heightening the intimidation factor). However, when I took those first few stops out on stage, and the butterflies, instead of fluttering, began to gnaw on the lining of my stomach, I couldn't have asked for anything better. This story of "boy looks like girl and girl pretends to be boy" was wrapped in fun and excitement from the beginning. I got to know and work with so many awesome people in the play who are now my friends, and I was able to joke around and be foolish (something I delight in as often as I can).

I used to hate Shakespeare. I couldn't understand it, I didn't like it, and overall I thought it was stupid. It wasn't until a couple of years ago, when I actually saw some of Shakespeare's work done, that I began to love it. It was the actors that did it for me. I was amazed at how they were able to draw me into the language and make me understand it. Whenever I do Shakespeare, this is what I strive to do. I want to act and communicate it in such a way that the audience is able to enjoy, if not love, something that can be a hidden treasure. God has blessed me so much in the opportunity I have had to act in *Twelfth Night*, and I pray that many more similar opportunities will open up while I'm at Bryan, because I love it.

"A great while ago the world begun, with a hey, ho, the wind and the rain. But that's all one, our play is done, and we'll strive to please you every day."

by Feste the Fool (Quentin McCuiston)

Susan Baker, Brian Evaul, and Quentin McCuiston - Practice makes perfect!
Photo by Christine Dennis

Micah Odor, in his baby blues, enjoys hair-curling time.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Clay Wortham appreciates Julie Barfield's hard work.
Photo by Christine Dennis

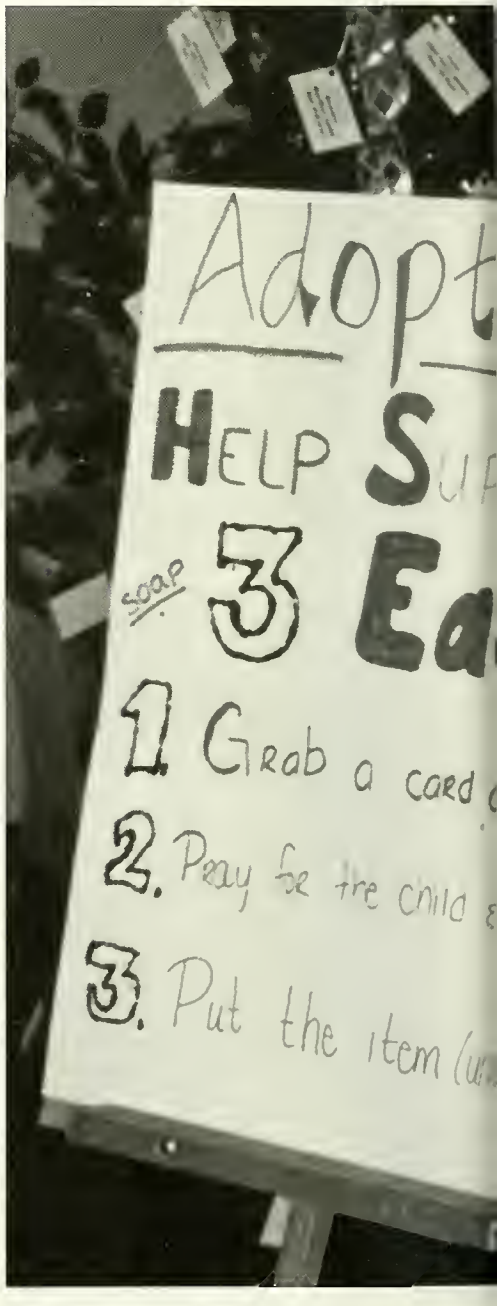
Students for Life

Once again, God has worked through Students For Life in ways that were beyond anything we could have done or imagined. We had incredible opportunities to minister on-campus and off-campus. We were able, through the Women's Care Center, to reach out and help meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of many hurting people. A Scripture passage that comes to my mind in regards to much of our ministry this year is James 2:14-18. This passage speaks of having opportunities to share the Gospel with people by meeting their physical needs. We have learned much about not only caring for the unborn, but for all people — reaching out to comfort them and share God's peace with them.

by Vashti Pearson

James 2:14-18

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

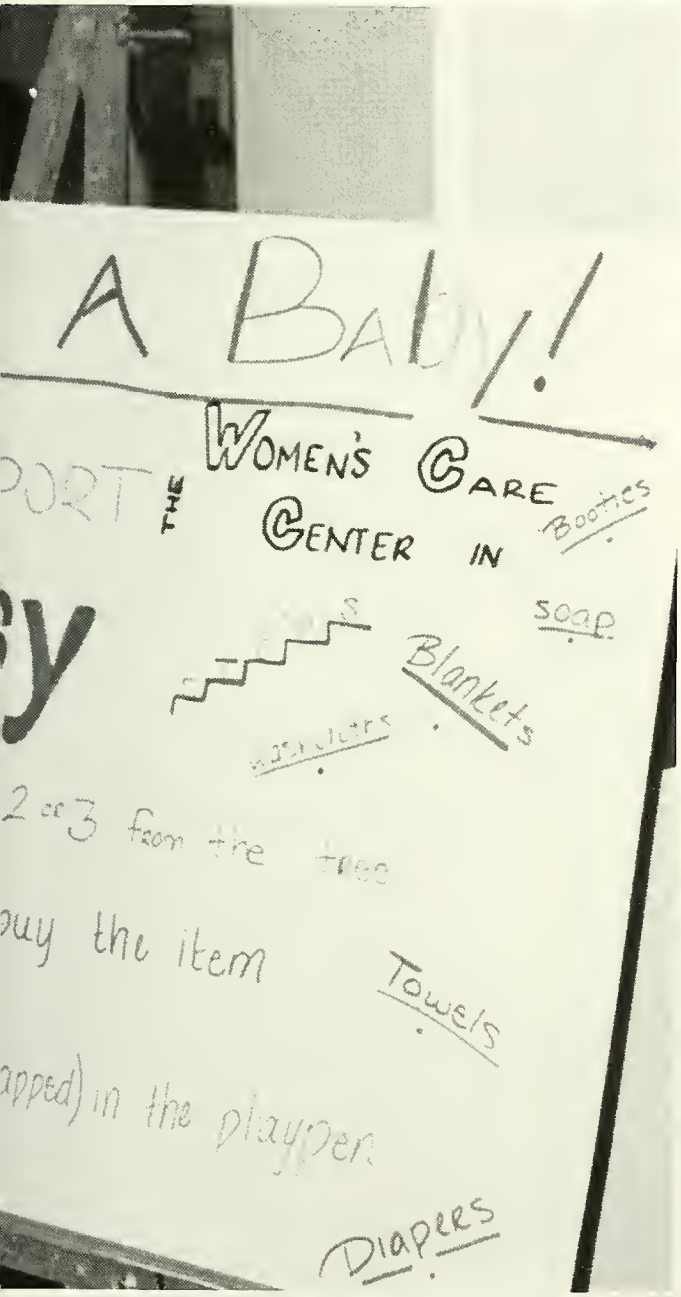


Students set a record in helping others this Christmas.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Students for Life President Vashti Pearson
Photo by Michael Brown

Carrie Lee, Amy Bushey, and Vashti Pearson listen intently as Mrs. Margie Legg shares from her heart at the Students for Life prayer breakfast.
Photo by Michael Brown

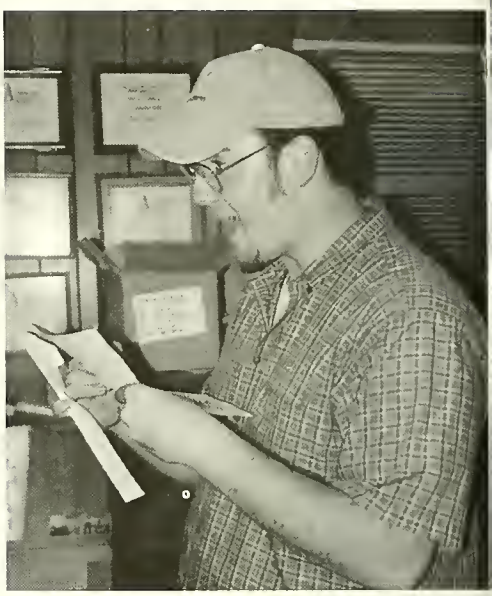
Amy Bushey, Vashti Pearson, Olivia Fagan, and Jackie Rothwell brave the cold to support the Women's Care Center at the LifeWalk.
Submitted by Olivia Fagan



This one's for you, Christa!
Submitted by Olivia Fagan

Students for Life members Amy Bushey, Carrie Lee, Heather Steele, Vashti Pearson, Laura Foxworth, and Eryn McCaleb with their staff sponsor, Margie Legg.
Photo by Michael Brown

Triangle



Okay, okay, April Fool's edition aside, this year's Triangle was much more instrumental in meeting the needs of the students than in previous years. According to the new editor-in-chief David Ritterbush, "We've made a lot of changes. I think the student body benefited."

Some of the changes came about because of the new staff sponsor, John Carpenter, editor of the local *Herald News*. Besides trying to strengthen the paper's reputation with the students, Carpenter provided many opportunities for the staff and added variety to the meetings. Several staff members took a wild ride (with Carpenter at the wheel) to the *World* Journalism Institute in North Carolina for a conference on the role of the Christian journalist. He also invited the staff to eat dinner and meet in his home. It must be noted that his wife makes killer chicken fajitas.

Aside from the strangeness of the Monday night classes, and even more bizarre, the Tuesday nights spent putting the paper together, Triangle had a very productive year. The fire issue was the edition of which the staff is particularly proud. Twelve pages long, with a large color photo of the Administration Building engulfed in flames, the February 12 edition was entirely student produced in just two days — a masterpiece that even made Ghandi (a.k.a. David Ritterbush) proud.

Overall, the Triangle underwent a lot of changes in this year — most of them for the better, some of them for the weirder. . . but the staff had a great time.

by Jennifer VandenHeuvel

David Ritterbush is actually captured with a serious expression while working with one of the *Triangle* boys.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Matt Williams and Mike Roukas are surrounded by what they love, toys and newsprint.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Matt is astonished by yet another fan letter.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Michael Landry wonders if this expression will help him pick up girls.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Working until all hours of the night for the sake of the *Triangle*, Mike is surrounded by all that he needs. He just wishes he could have juice on other nights of the week.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Micehlle Mundy takes a rare opportunity to get back at the *Triangle* boys who always pawned off the mundane tasks to her.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Josh Johnson, Tyler Seera, Bryon Rossi, and Shane Maxwell provide the entertainment.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Kristi Lestmann never misses a banquet. Kristi, did the mistletoe work for you?
Photo by Steve Paulson

Matt Williams and David Ritterbush with their dates Jackie Bott and Christa Neeley. Don't give in to the temptresses, guys!
Photo by Christine Dennis

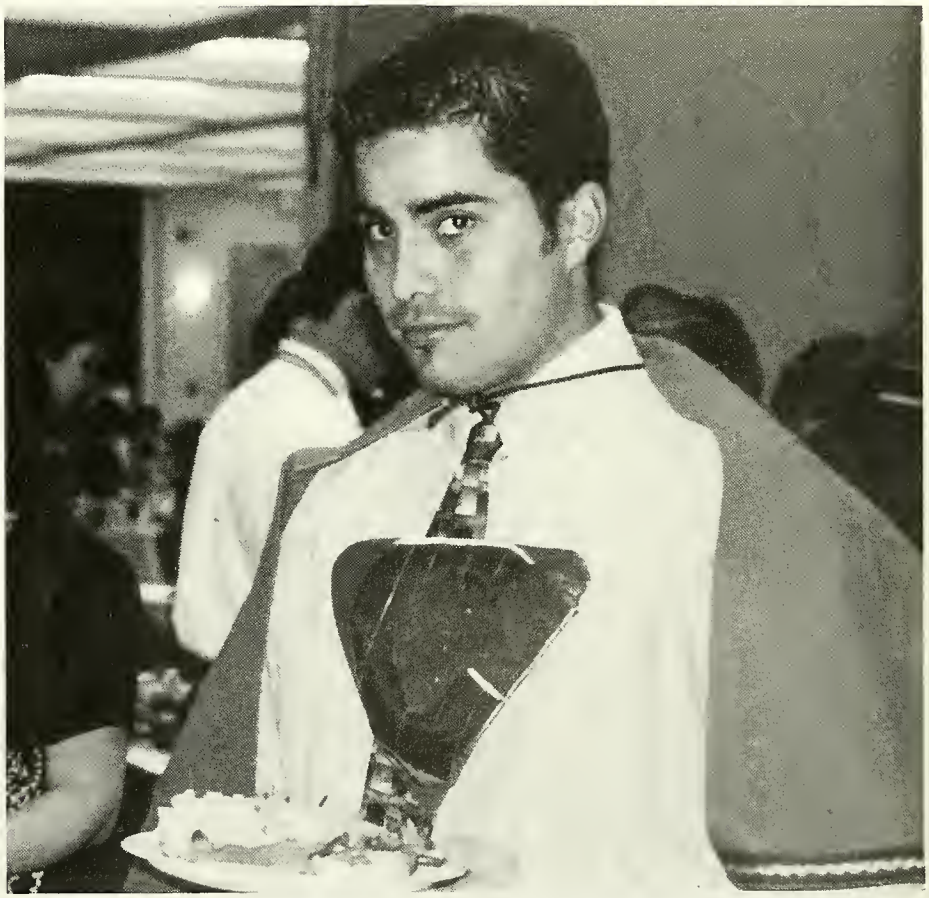
Christmas Banquet

"Oh no! It started ten minutes ago! Just a few last-minute adjustments on this corsage..." This was a familiar sound the night of the Christmas banquet, since everyone knew there was to be a contest for the best homemade corsage. Once there, Argo's was decorated with a gorgeous Christmas tree, poinsettias, and Christmas m&m's on the tables.

For part of the entertainment, two guys were chosen from each class to form two teams for a special competition. Each team was given a popular Christmas song that they had to sing to the tune of another Christmas song. After a few minutes of practice, the upperclassmen took the cake with their winning team of Josh Johnson, Tyler Seera, Brian Rossi, and Shane Maxwell. Way to go, guys!

by Jill Womack

Judi Toliver, Christine Dennis, and Laura Foxworth pose as Charlie's Wannabes.
Submitted by Christine Dennis



April Phillips and Jonathan Pfaff enjoy the Christmas banquet. Hand check, Jonathan!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mike Veloz selects his gourmet entrée - Mikey likes it!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Christine Dennis, Hope Dallanegra, Christa Taylor, Laura Yates, Kristin Cosby, and Joie Stone take a bow.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Hope prepares for opening night.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Clairee, Annelle, Truvy, and Ouiser express their opinion to Shelby.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Steel Magnolias

Being in "Steel Magnolias" was a wonderful experience for the whole cast. We developed a special bond because of our small, all-female cast. Our busy six-week practice time was filled with special moments of humor.

One night at practice, Annelle was fixing Ouiser's hair. Ouiser had an expecially ugly wig. After practice Mr. Belisle made a comment to Kristen, "Make sure Ouiser's hair looks better *after* you fix it!" Needless to say, Ouiser was given a new, more attractive wig.

Shelby constantly forgot to bring her purse on stage. Her purse contained baby pictures of her son, which she showed to the other characters. One night at practice, Truvy had to ad-lib. She said, "Shelby, didn't you stick some pictures of that baby of yours in the *Readers' Digest*?" Then the other characters oowed and awwed over the magazine.

In one scene, Truvy wears an extreme pair of 80's jeans. They are stonewashed and have pleats — the whole nine yards. A few nights before the first show Truvy found out they used to Mr. Belisle's!

In the first scene, the prop guy lit a popper firework for an "explosion." The first night of the show his match went out twice. The characters on stage made up a minute or two of dialogue. When it finally went off it made *everyone* jump!

M'Lynn came out on stage the last performance with some colored streamers from the popper hanging from her sweater.

In the third performance, Shelby's arm was bleeding so badly, her arm was covered in blood. Annelle passed her a tissue. It didn't do much good. Still, the show went on.

by Kristen Cosby

The ladies rally around Shelby in her time of need.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

The Cast and Crew of *Steel Magnolias*
Submitted by Christine Dennis

The cast takes a break.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Pals

Influencing the Young

No other experience this year has been more fulfilling than being involved in the Pals program. To be able to be such a big part of a little person's life just by taking them out to bowl or whatever was a blessing that I can't tell in words. It was amazing for me because I never had just one pal. My official pal was awesome . . . so are her four friends! One day, I was picking up my pal for church and suddenly I was surrounded by five beautiful little girls, begging me to take them to church, too. There are kids here in Dayton who need love and attention more than I think we, as mostly middle-class, well-loved and accepted college students, can possibly fathom. It has been an experience that has changed my life forever by opening my eyes to the pressing needs of little kids who are crying out for love that I had for the giving.

by Erika Craig

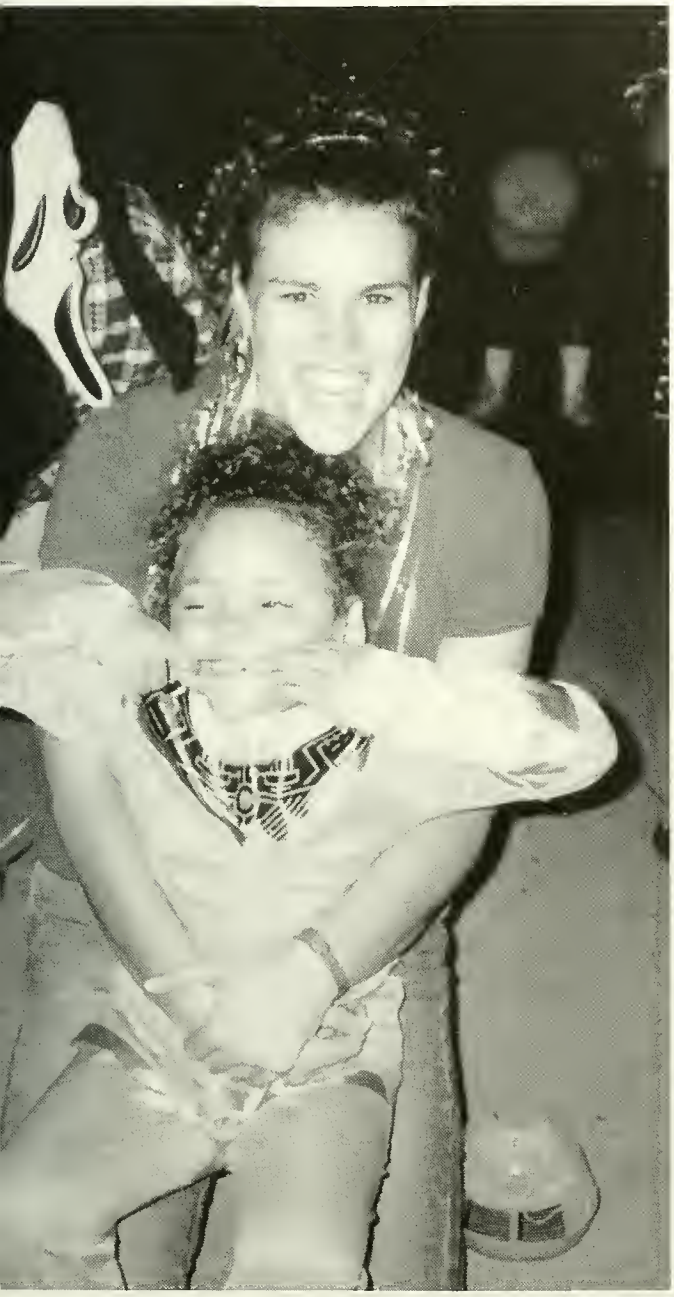
I absolutely love to spend time with my pal Bridget. She is so beautiful and fun and intelligent. We've had a lot of fun on the computer, bowling, and talking on the phone. I enjoy being around her and her friends and helping them to work out conflict in their friendships. I've also had fun joining in on discussions of their "third-grade romances."

by Wendy Willour

Allison Johnson, her pal, and her pal's friend are ready for a fun-filled day at Six Flags!
Submitted by Allison Johnson

Heather-Lynn Burton entertains her pal at the PALS Halloween party.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

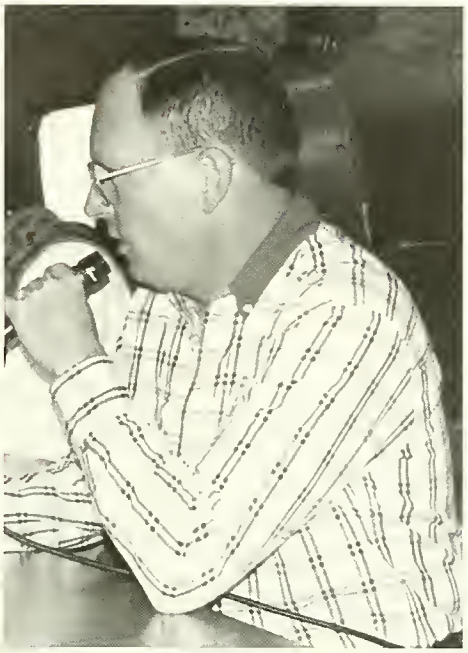
Gilbert Campbell and IV Smith ride a water ride with their pals on the PALS-sponsored Six Flags trip.
Photo by Allison Johnson



Allison and her pal ready for their final activity of the year together.
Submitted by Allison Johnson

Cara Dulaney exchanges words with a player from the Cavaliers.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Dr. Traylor, or DT as he is known to the team, is the announcer for the home games.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Coach's Comments

"I was proud of the way the girls worked together, fought against teams that were stronger. They never gave up."

"I personally appreciated the love and support of the girls while I was going through the loss of my wife."

"I enjoyed a lot of the personal relationships on the team."

"We played quite well when we played intensely as a unit."

Cara catches the basketball and quickly passes it to one of her fellow Lady Lions.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Women's Basketball

Cara Dulaney, Jill Reeves, Nikki Burnette, Cheri Hogrefe, Heather Hammond, Cassie Smith, Kimmie Hill, Sarah Cantrell, Robin Wedekind, LaWanda Fair, Jenny Heaton, Brooke Wilson, Ms. Jerri Beck, Holly Davis, Lucas Lewis, Coach Ray Burwick, Meghan Kirby, Katie Hughes, and Dr. and Mrs. Traylor.
Photo by Tom Davis

Coach Burwick gives Cara and Cheri some quick strategy tips for keeping the game in the Lions' favor.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Heather Hammond reaches back for a rebound.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Backyard Missions

"I've been praying that I would get everything cleared out of this house by Saturday evening. You're an answer to my prayers." This statement was made by a lady who was in the process of moving from a small run-down house to a trailer. A few Backyard Missions members (President David Henderson, Rick and Linda Barnes, and myself) were privileged to get the opportunity to be an encouragement and help to her and her son by transporting boxes and thoroughly cleaning her house one Saturday this spring.

Backyard Missions exists to show God's love in practical ways to the community, from picking up trash in Pocket to washing the outside windows of local shops in town. This past fall, we were able to put plastic on one lady's porch so the winter cold wouldn't seep in. Before the school year ends, we're going to go back to take the plastic off and try to fix the screen that is underneath.

Participating in Backyard Missions' activities for the past two years has impacted us as well as those we have served. It has helped me truly understand how to love my neighbor and has opened my eyes to simple ways I can be a light for Christ to those around me.

by Anna Kellogg

Anna Kellogg, David Haase, Micah Odor, Jonathan Pfaff, David Henderson, and Amy Bushey with the owner of the home they are working on.
Submitted by David Henderson

Micah and David are hard at work placing plastic to insulate a house.
Photo by David Henderson

David Haase, David Henderson, Rick Barnes, Amy Bushey, and Anna Kellogg were involved in this ministry.
Photo by Michael Brown

Rick Barnes, David Henderson (Backyard Missions President), Katie Lott, Audrey Jones, David Haase, Claire Williams, and Anna Kellogg prepare for their window-washing excursion.
Submitted by David Henderson

David Haase, Micah Odor, Jonathan Pfaff, and Amy Bushey create a lattice on the outside of a screened-in porch.
Photo by David Henderson

Firemen from eight different fire stations fought desperately to keep the fire in the Administration building.
Photo by Ben Horne

Some of the firemen take a break from the hoses to get an early assessment of the damage as other firemen fight to save the library.
Photo by Steve Paulson

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28

Trying against all odds, including lack of water and water pressure, the firefighters give all they have to attacking the fire from the back of the building.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Fire on Bryan Hill

The sound of popping fire, breaking glass, and rushing water, along with the smell of smoke and the feeling of penetrating heat will remain with all of those who were witnesses to this fire.
Photo by Ben Horne

Dr. Brown and Sarah Hess join many Bryan College students to pray earnestly for God's intervention.
Photo by Ben Horne

The glow of the fire lights up the skies of Dayton late into the night.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Looking at the Charred Remains

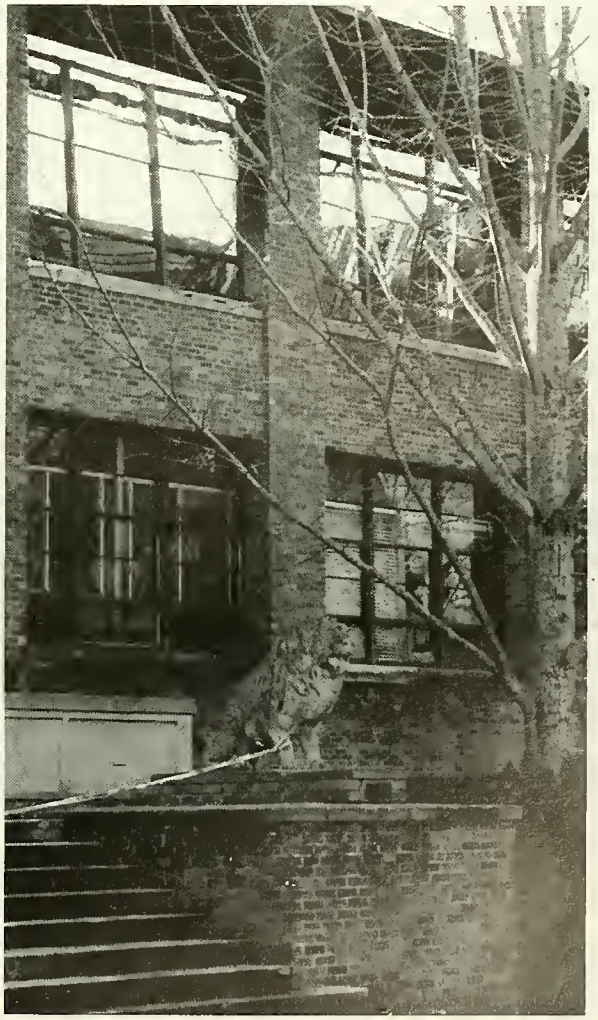
As seen in the aerial photograph of the Ad. building, God protected the chemicals in the science labs from the fire which could have caused additional complications and delays for classes.
Submitted by Tom Davis

A most quiet Sunday evening turned into one of the most destructive and heart-wrenching in Bryan history as the third floor of the Administration building caught on fire. During the early minutes of the fire, some students grabbed cameras, others filmed the event, while most simply stared in disbelief. As the minutes turned into hours, the flames withered and then suddenly flared up several times while many students gathered in Rudd Auditorium for prayer. The fire spread quickly across the third floor sweeping into the computer lab and the Hanna Technology Center. Many students, afraid of the implications of the smoke entering the dorms, went to various homes of faculty and staff members for the night. When students returned in the morning, looks of awe were obvious on their faces. Severe damage to second and third floors of the Ad. building was feared. However, in spite of all the sadness, Dr. Brown rose to the occasion in Monday's chapel service. Instead of focusing on the negative aspects of the situation, Dr. Brown praised God for the fire and even offered a bit of humor on the somber occasion. News cameras rolled and stories were quickly written about the difference of Bryan College students. One television stations reported that Bryan students are "a breed of their own." They were right. This college, including faculty, staff, and students, turned a tragic situation into an opportunity to witness to the world.

by Chasity Oldham

Students are curious and concerned about the facts related to the fire and wonder what it means for the near future of Bryan.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The second floor of the library did not receive fire damage, but it was destroyed by water and smoke.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Students Help With Recovery

The crowd of student workers listen to what their assignments are to be for helping clean out the burnt remains of the Administration building.
Photo by Christine Dennis

The workers dig through the water-logged mess of the library in hopes of finding something salvageable.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mr. Michael Palmer earnestly searches for those vital quote books for his department to place in the temporary library.
Photo by Michelle Rich

Dr. Brown shows that he is truly a servant by working with the students instead of over them.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Willing to do any task given her, Jenny James helps load an 18-wheeler with boxes of stuff recovered from the offices in the building.
Photo by Michelle Rich

Though thanking the community for graciously offering to donate space for classes, Dr. Brown reassures the media that all classes will remain on campus.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Rusty Kalenza, Sam Kostreva, Mitch Hoskins, and Jake Puckett move some of the heavier furniture from the wet and no longer usable offices.
Photo by Michelle Rich

As the librarians set up temporary headquarters in Brock Hall with all the other offices from the Administration Building student workers and professors go through what is left of their rooms.

Temporary Locations

Command Central: All major Bryan College offices were placed in Brock Hall until other less temporary accommodations could be made.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The charred remains as seen through the glass-free window into an unusable classroom.
Photo by Ben Horne

Tom Davis and Dr. Brown work together in the tight offices in Command Central.
Photo by Steve Paulson

A team of demolition men work on gutting the third floor.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Classes were set up in any spare room that could be found, from the guys' locker room to the dorm lounges to Rudd. Armando Durante, Aaron Strode, Adam Parker, Karen Chamberlin, Josh Drake, and John Mitchell have a class in the Bennett Prayer Chapel.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Temporary classrooms, offices, and computer and science labs are placed in trailers behind Rudd until the Administration Building can be remodelled.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Eight modular units take the place of approximately two floors of the Administration Building.
Photo by Bethany Horton

"... for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."
Deuteronomy 13:3b

Seniors

Hope Dallanegra tells her adoring fans goodbye.
Photo Submitted

Kim Hobbs reaps the benefits of having half-asleep friends. Josh Mullins and Chris Bean.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Hood, Joshua

Hutcheson, James

James, Jenny

Jenkins, Hannah

Jensen, Seth

Jones, Linda

Akins, Jamie
Arwe, Daniel
Atkins, Kelley
Baker, Mindy
Ballard, Dara
Bauman, Wendi
Bean, Christopher

Berestovskaya, Natalia
Berry, Jennifer
Boling, Michelle
Cooper, Carrie
Crist, Sarah
Dallanegra, Hope
Daspit, Damien

Daspit, Renee
Daugereau, Josh
Doejaaren, Tamra
Doran, Jonathan
Drake, Joshua
Duvall, Lauren
Edgar, James

Erickson, Jason
Fagan, Olivia
Ferrell, Jennifer
Ford, Amy
Goggans, Nathanial
Gonce, Lorraine
Gorlich, Andrea

Gradin, Mark
Griffioen, Iris
Hamilton, Shaleen
Hammond, Heather
Harris, Annette
Hetzel,Richard(Hellner)
Hobbs, Kimberly

Jones, Steve
Kelsay, Shanna
Knecht, Terry
MacLean, Mary
Mathers, Emily

Laden consists of Chad Brogan, Ben Lavoie, and later Dan Evans, and began in the fall of 1998. The name is derived from Matthew 11:28 because the members have a burden to share with others the work God has done in their lives. They began with a drum set, two electric guitars, and one guitar amp. Determined to make the band work, the guys borrowed equipment when it was needed. Practices were held in the band room of Rudd, where Laden drove the music majors out of their minds. In the Spring of '99, they were able to relocate to the Tower Theatre. With more room and more time to practice, Ben, Chad, and Dan slowly began to collect more of their own equipment. They got their first show around the same time playing at a small bar near the Ocoee River. "We weren't even old enough to get in, but we played anyway. It was horrible. I think only about two people listened," Chad Brogan recalls about the experience. A week later, Laden opened for another Bryan Band, Suspicious Larry, at a show in Tower Theatre for about 30 people. When the three returned from summer break, they were eager to play another show, but before they were able to, Chad broke his hand. He was finally able to rejoin the band in the spring of 2000. They had also secured for themselves a bass amp, a P.A. system, and a small following of Bryan students. With all the setbacks so far (lack of equipment and practice space, breaks, and broken bones), not one was as devastating as what happened on February 6. Ben and Chad were in the habit of carrying their guitars back and forth between their room and the Tower for practice, but on Saturday night, they decided to leave the guitars in the Theatre because they wanted to practice again on Sunday night. That practice never took place, and Ben, Chad, and Dan never played with their equipment again. After all appeared lost because of the massive fire that consumed the third floor and Tower Theatre, Laden thought that they would be unable to pay for new equipment. When the college began to deal with insurance agents, they told Chad, Ben, and Dan that they would try to help out, and a week before spring break, they give each member of the band an insurance check. Through God's provision, Chad, Ben, and Dan were able to afford better equipment than what they had before even though they didn't have enough money left over to buy another P.A. system. Laden set up shop again in one of the the Bryan Village houses and two months after the fire got a show in Knoxville at the New City Cafe. Through many difficulties, Laden has survived to go on telling those that will listen what God has done for them.

by Chad Brogan and Bethany Horton

Laden plays their first show after losing all their equipment in the fire in a small café in Knoxville.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Dan Evans has his drum set pushed into a corner of Tower Theatre so others who use the Tower will not play on it.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Chad Brogan takes the lead vocals on their newly purchased PA system. His style is Jazz and Blues, and he writes most of his songs.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Ben Lavoie strums out the bass line while practicing with Chad and Dan in the Tower just days before the fire.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Laden

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

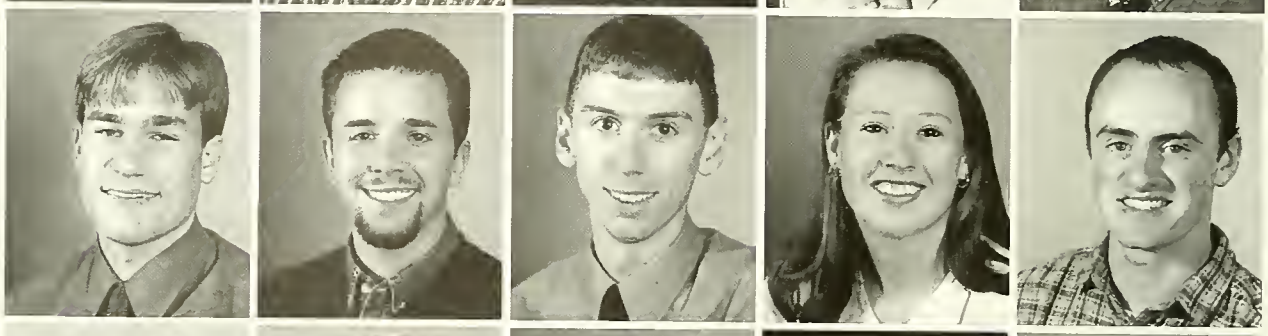
Chad and Ben switch roles mid-set. Not only do they change guitar, bass, and lead vocals, they also change styles. Ben sings rock or harder songs that he has written or covers of bands from PFR to MxPx to POD.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Dan is happy with his new and better drum set.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Burn Away
Kissed our gifts goodbye
Hung our hopes out to dry
Watched our dreams burn the evening away
Into the night sky
Burn away...
So easy to lift up your name
When our hearts feel the absence of pain
Our lips flow smooth on the sunny days
But can we praise in the pouring rain
Burning Away...
I must confess my mustard seed faith
My heart betrays the knowledge I've gained
I spew the answers that build up my pride
Cut through my front and hear me inside
Burn Away!
Kissed our gifts goodbye
Hung our hopes out to dry
Watched our dreams burn the evening away
But we praise you anyway

Matthews, Carrie
Maxwell, Shane
McBrien, Dawn
McGary, Kriston
Miller, Alfred

Mitchell, Jaret
Mullins, Joshua
Murphey, Timothy
Osborne, Marla
Owens, Charlie



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Pierce, Matthew

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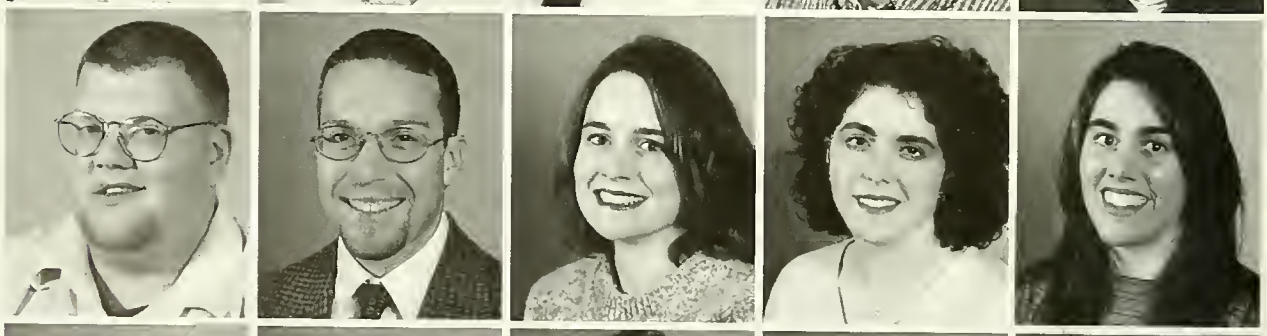
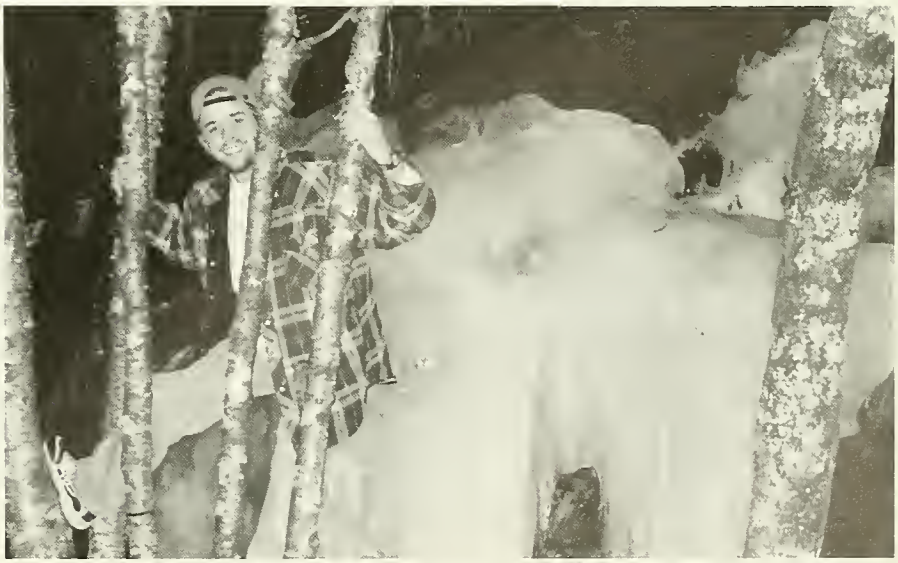


Veloz, Mike
Wang, Maeci
Wayman, Nicolle
Wilkes, David
Wise, Stephanie

Senior Gallery

Not Pictured

Kimberlee Allum, Brian Anderson, Ronda Bruce, Nikki Burnette, Scott Dickison, Cara Dulaney, Kelly Griffis, Robert Lay, Joshua McGinnis, Jessica Miller, Aleksandra Nikolayeva, David Ritterbush, Jacqueline Rothwell, Tyler Seera, Ashley Siskey, Rachel Smith, Terry Turner, Alison Villanova, Cheryl Wood, Eric Zensen



Junior Var

Joshua Cone, Matt "Stretch" Pierce, Steve Myers, James Mitchell, Kent Suter, Candi Caudill, Mr. John Stonestreet, Joe Delph, Bryan Rossi, Michael Carter, and Aaron Braun-Duin were the members of the JV Basketball team.
Photo by Tom Davis

Coach's Comments

The 1999 JV Soccer program came in with a strong sense of newness and with a spirited play. The squad was further anchored in the presence of several sophomore and senior players.

Matt Palmer, Nate Humphrey, Josh Gurski, Greg Owens, Derek McVey, Brian Eisenback, Phil Douglas, Daniel Nathan, Tyler McWilliams, and Coach Michael Palmer after the Spring-6 tournament.
Photo Submitted by Mr. Palmer.

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Manager Alicia McElrath, Lucas Lewis, David Wilkes, Brian Eisenback, Tyler McWilliams, Matt Palmer, Nate Humphrey, Charlie Phillips, Mr. Palmer, David Powell, Donnie Kier, Josh Jahneke, Ronnie Kier, Josh Gurski, Andrew Halbert, and Todd Smith.
Photo Submitted by Mr. Palmer

Brandon Prudhomme takes the ball straight to his goal.
Photo Submitted Nate Humphrey

Josh Gurski, Nate, Tyler, and Ronnie celebrate a victorious win.
Photo Submitted by Nate Humphrey

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Dr. Petitte, and Dr. Jones volunteered to serve at the Valentine's Banquet.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

"Being served by the teachers was the highlight of the banquet. They really displayed a Christ-like servant attitude."
— Bethany Horton

Dr. Brown releases his frustrations on an innocent fire engine at the banquet.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Valentine's Banquet

Visions of purple and silver "deformed" balloons, red fire engine pinatas, and a dozen red roses followed by a "yes" (congratulations to Nathaniel Goggans and Julie Barfield!) come to mind when I recall the Valentine's Banquet. The freshmen lifted the tempo from romance to friendship with 80's music, door prizes, and a video. With the help of Jason Erickson, the freshman officers recorded and edited clips of students claiming "first kiss" stories, love for their sweethearts (Matt Palmer for Amy Jenkins), and the long-lasting friendship between husband and wife (Aunt Betty). In addition to all this, some of the facutly and staff reaffirmed their leadership by serving those who attended.

As a closure on the evening, the ever so popular cupid (a.k.a. Charlie Phillips) made his final appearance and left everyone with feelings of contentment and anticipation for the next freshman-sponsored event.

by Jewel Gardner

Stretch, Adam King, and Joe Delph display the blue and shiny at the banquet.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

Rachel Held prepares Kevin Ingolfsland for his turn at the piñata.
Photo by Steve Paulson

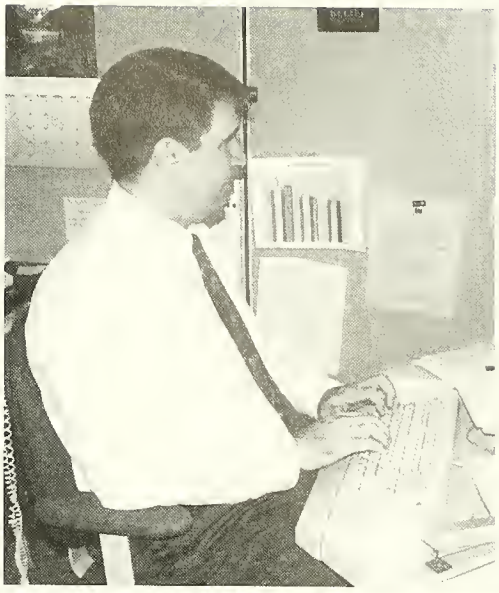
Matt Palmer, Amy Jenkins, Christina Senter, Matt Clark, Tyler McWilliams, and Jennifer Musselman enjoy some socializing after the banquet.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Ambassadors

The college's Ambassadors program is very unique to this school. Although the ambassadors give tours of the school and often house those visiting the campus, they do not get paid for it. They are chosen by Mark Cruver or recommended by others, but do all of their work on a voluntary basis. This year was unique in that a major part of the tour was eliminated because of the fire. Also, there were more visits to the school simply because of curiosity. The ambassadors faced a unique challenge and definitely rose to the occasion. by Jill Womack

Donna Scheibe enjoys some good times with Beth Stotts and some visitors during a tour.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Michelle Edwards and Winnie Buck enjoy their job of showing the campus.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Mr. Mark Cruver spends many hours coordinating and scheduling visitations.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Adam Parker, Winnie Buck, and Jonathan Mobley eagerly await the arrival of Caravaners.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Brenda Jordan and Michelle Edwards organize name tags for the arriving Caravaners.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mr. Simon Sakatos and Miss Melinda Snead assist visitors to the campus.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Lizzy Murphy and Beth Stotts, who are victims of a short shaving cream fight complain to Tim Shetter and Zac Brown and beg to be allowed into Jonathan Pfaff's room to seek revenge.
Photo by Bethany Horton

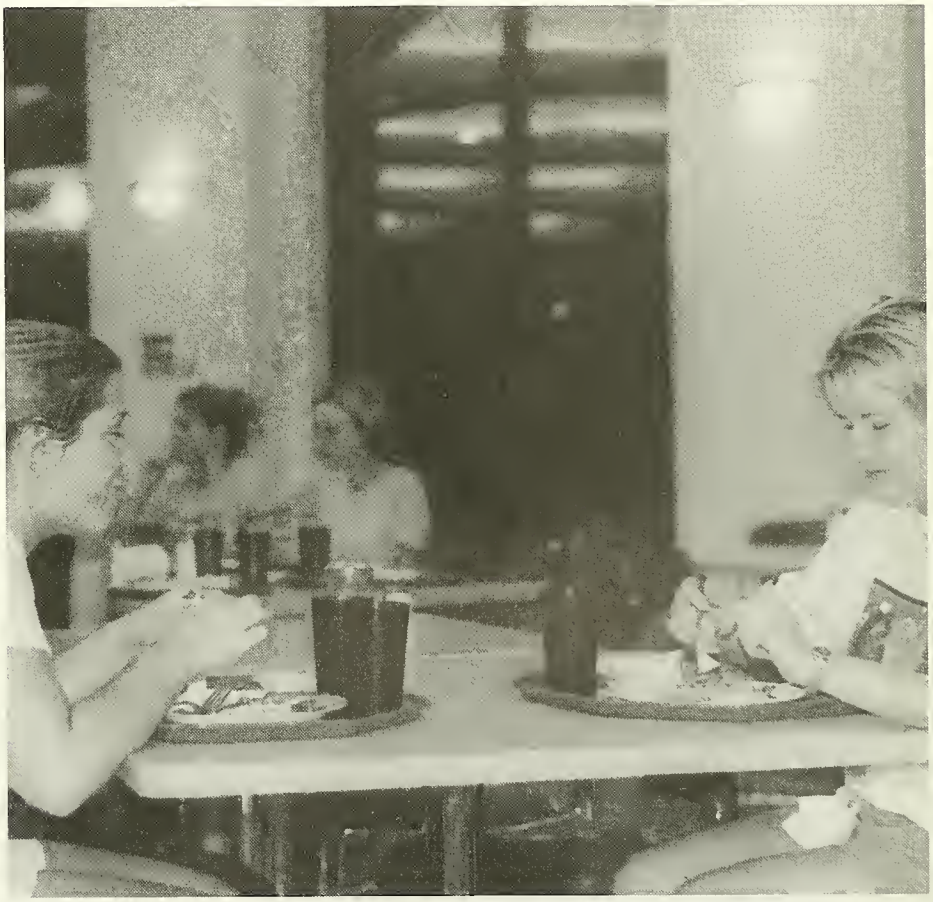
The initiator of the shaving cream fight, Jason Erikson shows off his projectile weapon.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Josh Mullins points out that he has won as Jackie Bott and Christa Neeley protest.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Midnight Breakfast

When final exam week approaches or Day of Prayer rolls around, many students seek late-night nourishment from the eating establishment we know as Argo's. This nocturnal fiesta is known as Midnight Breakfast. While waiting for the gates to open, students participate in many activities to pass the time. Some students play card games, others simply talk with their friends, while some die-hard students study for the following day's classes. When the gates do open, sleep-deprived students enter and choose from the wide array of foods. The spread lovingly prepared by Argo's cooks includes everything from bacon to apple-sticks and is often revered as one of the best meals of the year. "It was pretty good considering this is the only breakfast I've been to this year," commented Alicia McElrath on the February 15th event. When the meal has been completed and the conversation is finished, students return to their rooms and further deprive themselves of sleep because of the high level of sugar ingested while there. It's just another "wired" evening at Bryan College!

by Chasity Oldham



Sara Perelman, Lesley Cole, Warren Cole, and Vashti Pearson take a late study break to play cards at Midnight Breakfast.
Photo by Steve Paulson

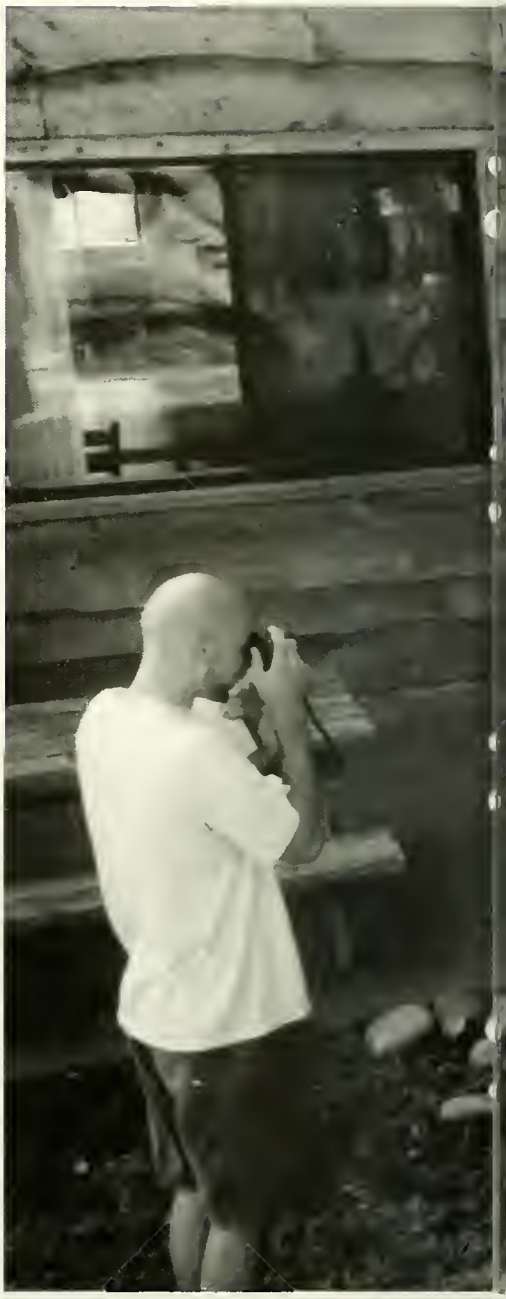
Alicia McElrath and Chasity Oldham enjoy a break from their room and work to eat breakfast food at 11 p.m.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Alan Wilkes and Danny Reid display how they eat their food at Midnight Breakfast.
Photo by Bethany Horton

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes was started at Bryan College four years ago. FCA's mission is to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. The focus of the Bryan College FCA is to challenge students and athletes to grow in their relationship with Christ and to display Christlike characteristics both on and off the playing field.

by Scott Dickison



Chili Mercado, James Hutcheson, and Pete McGrane reflect on God's handiwork.
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

Chasity Snowden, Kellie Hayes, Erin Davis, Kathi Hogrefe, and Michelle Largent enjoy the early morning sun at the FCA Retreat.
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

One of the best parts of the FCA Retreat is the group unity.
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

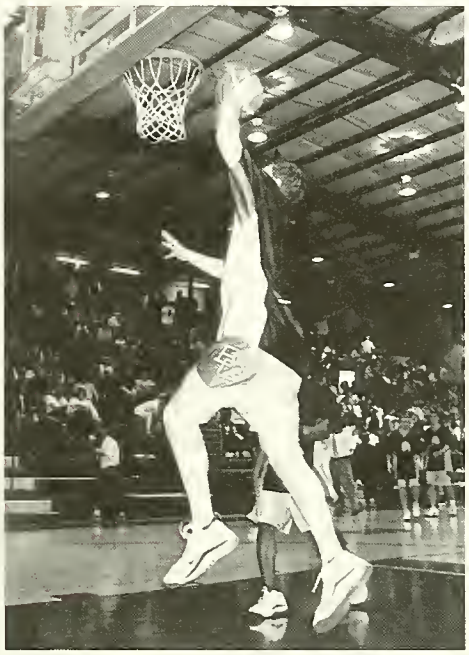
"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."
1 Corinthians 9:25

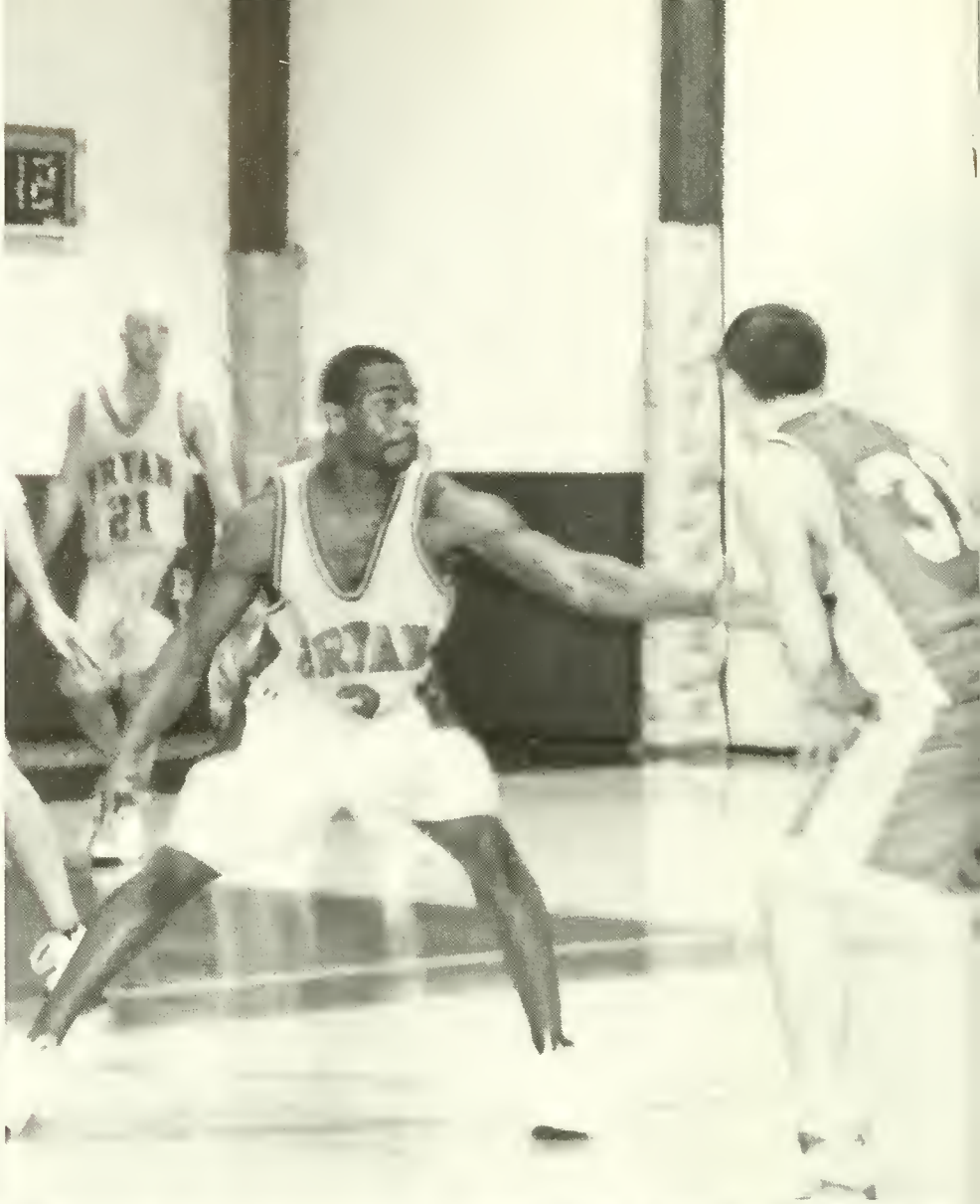
Travis Stevens captures the moment as Brian Eisenback becomes one with the post.
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

Scott Dickison, Rachelle Elliott, and Rachel Schmitt plan the next FCA meeting.
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

Is this an FCA Retreat or Phil Pranger's birthday party?
Submitted by Rachel Schmitt

David Arute jumps to slam dunk the ball during warm ups to scare off the other team before they can even get started.
Photo by Steve Paulson



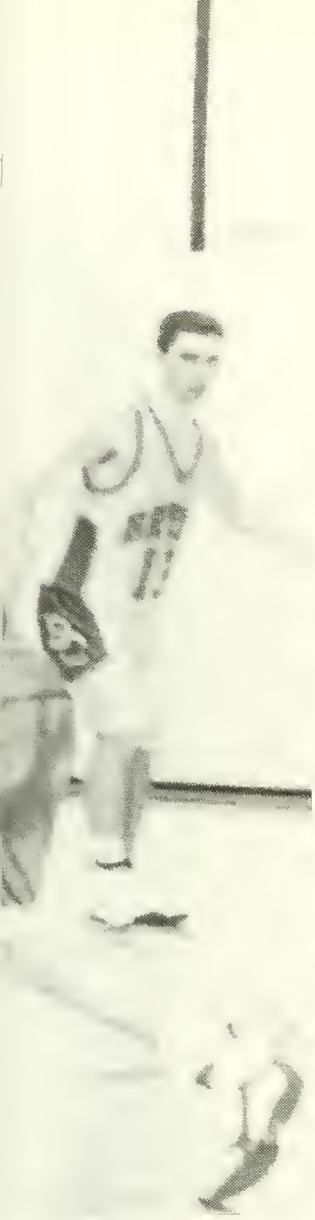


Coach's Comments

It was really exciting to find out the night we beat Montreat that we would win the conference title if we won the next game.
Praying for B.A. really brought us together.
We had a great year because this team was truly a team. We had a great sense of family.

The huddle.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Men's Varsity Basketball



Mr. John Stonestreet, Jared Jones, Travis Stevens, Brian Anderson, Coach Morris Michalski, Eric Zensen, Jason Beschta, Shun Malone, Aaron Braun-Duin, Daniel Carver, Mr. Terry Hill, Johnny Urquhart, Josh Coffman, Jason Beattie, David Arute, Brett Wright, Jessie Andrews, and Martha West.
Photo by Tom Davis

Shun Malone makes an awesome basket while the other team can do nothing but watch.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Coach Michalski and Coach Hill watch their guys intently from the sidelines.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Students are asked to pray about how to handle the adjustment to the fire during chapel.
Photo by Steve Paulson

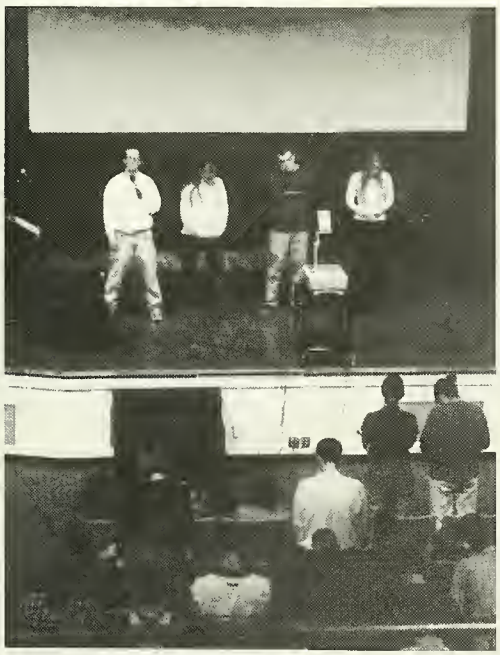
Mike and Sheri Weller spend their first Day of Prayer as a married couple praying together.
Photo by Steve Paulson.

Anna McSpadden, Kimberly Dyer, John Lay, and Armando Durante wait for a commuter luncheon and prayer time.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Day of Prayer

For some it meant time in the grassy bowl; for others, time on the football field; for still some others, it meant driving in the car. But for the whole campus, it was a day spent in prayer. It was a day to be still and know God. An all night vigil and midnight breakfast started off the day of prayer. After a day to sleep in, the entire campus gathered in Rudd for a time of reflection and group prayer. The afternoon was spent on our own, without anything to do but spend time and rest in God's arms and love. Then some of us grabbed our blankets and bundled up to participate in Communion that night in the grassy bowl. It was a day for us as a campus to lay aside schoolwork and to enjoy God's love and peace.

by Sara Perelman



The class presidents take turns praying specifically for their classes.
Photo by Steve Paulson

David Dahlke is moved to pray after Day of Prayer chapel.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Bevin Sims and Keri-Lynn Paulson pray during a commuter lunch.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Team Screme

Matt Johnson, Shane Maxwell, and Miles Ericson revel in their accomplishments at the National competition.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

Shane quenches his thirst after a trying race.
Photo Submitted by Allison Johnson

Bryan College's very own Bike Team

Matt enjoys some off-road racing.
Photo Submitted by Allison Johnson

Competitions required much preparation, including securing all of the bikes to their vehicles.
Photo Submitted by Allison Johnson

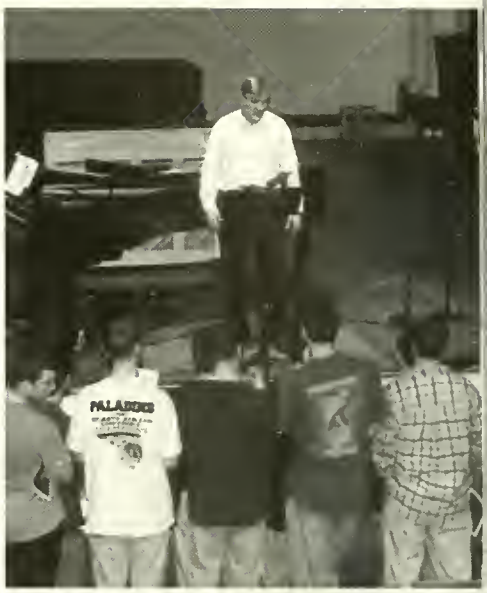
The first Bryan College bike team has been very successful thus far. They were invited to the Nationals this year in Atlanta for the first time. During the first race in which they competed in Cleveland, TN, Matt's seat broke and he had to race the last eight miles without a seat. He had been in 2nd place, but the difficulty moved him back to 5th place. They competed in three other races during the first semester before the National competition. Only Matt, Miles, and Shane raced in the "B" class with the top competitors, placing 9th, 21st, and 42nd respectively. Then there were five races during the second semester. Miles also rode in a 24-hour race with some friends back home in Utah over Fall Break. The major problem for the team is a lack of funding. Each member is financially responsible for his own equipment, including jerseys sporting the college's name. Some money comes from SGA, but the team has been unable to secure any other sponsorship from the college. This can get expensive for the individuals when they travel to competitions or have their bikes stolen, like two members did this year. But they continue to race, for the love of the sport and thanks to their outside sponsors.

by Jill Womack

The entire team poses before a competition.
Photo Submitted by Allison Johnson

Jonathan Mobley, Andrew Nigh, Shane Maxwell, Miles Ericson, and Matt Johnson are the members of the collegiate bike team.
Photo Submitted by Allison Johnson

Chorale & Chambers



Chamber Singers is one of the most fun, exciting, and rewarding ministries offered at Bryan College. This group is made up of a smaller number of Charale members and does more travelling throughout the year. We usually sing about twelve concerts in surrounding area churches, not to mention extra Christmas concerts, Spring Tour, recording albums, and sometimes Easter responsibilities. Every two years, we get the privilege of touring and singing in the Bahamas as well.

As a group, we get to know each other and form bonds that are not easily broken. There's something exciting about taking a diverse group of individuals, putting them together to sing as one voice, and seeing how God uses their music to minister to His children and those who don't yet know Him. In fact, that's the ministry of the Chamber Singers in a nutshell. WE are the Singers of the Song God has put within His own. What a blessing and privilege to serve our Father in this way!

by Kristi Lestmann

Kristi Lestmann, Chris Bean, Kim Hobbs, Beth Phillips, Michael Brown, Martha West, and David Haase sing with the Chamber Singers, an elite group of Chorale members.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

Hope and Kristi goof off in the Grassy Bowl before a concert.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Dr. David Luther leads the Chorale in a practice.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Christa Neeley, Jackie Bott, David Haase, Beau Boutwell, Mary MacLean, and Christine Dennis visit Washington DC and the Lincoln Memorial on the Spring Break Chorale trip.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

David Haase, Joey Amadee, Kent Ashley, Jason Wasser, Chris Bean, Clinton Donough, Jonathan Mobley, Chris Wesson, Josh Lowry, Donnie Gleason, Beau Boutwell, Adam King, Quentin McCuiston, Micah Oder, David Powell, Michael Landry, Josh Mullins, Matt Williams, and Chad Brogan.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Quentin just wants to be with the girls. Susan Baker, Michelle Mundy, Melissa Gann, Jackie Bott, Paula Heathershaw, Jodi Long, Claire Williams, Martha West, Cheryl Wood, Hope Dallanegra, Michelle Phaneuf, Jennifer Musselman, Beth Phillips, Christine Dennis, Christa Neeley, Laura Foxworth, Kim Hobbs, and Mary MacLean.
Submitted by Christine Dennis

The Southern Adventist University Orchestra
Photo by Mary Green

The Mikado musical was a combined effort between the music department and the Hilltop Players.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Chris Bean and Mary MacLean perform in the prelude to the Spring Chorale concert.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Fine Arts

The Chorale Christmas Concert
Photo by Steve Paulson

Laura Yates and the Hendrix sisters perform a ballet to the music of the Bryan College Orchestra at the Christmas concert.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Worldview Team

The 1999-2000 school year was an exciting one for the Bryan College Worldview Team. However, this year was not all work and no play for the Worldview Team - each trip brought new opportunities for fun. From Oleg Matsko's Ukranian jokes to John Stonestreet's list of slip-ups, the team had more than its fair share of laughter along the way. The team brought its presentation to places as far away as Florida and as near as Chattanooga, sharing with over 2000 students during the course of the year. The presentation has grown and changed (for the better) since its conception a few years ago.

One of the biggest changes that this school year brought was the leadership of John Stonestreet. Since its conception, the team has been led and accompanied by Dr. Bill Brown. This year, John Stonestreet took over as leader of the Worldview Team. John was a member of the very first Worldview Team of 1995-1996, which gives him a different perspective on the team and what its purpose should be. Another advantage of having a new leader is a fresh look at the presentation as a whole.

The presentation, which includes examples from movies, television shows, radio, and magazines, is geared towards helping high school students and their parents understand what it means to choose and live with the worldview of their choice. The most important part of the presentation is the rough overview of what the students at Bryan College learn in Biblical Worldview class their freshman year. This enables the audience to see the weaknesses of the other views while giving a clear picture of how Christianity answers life's ultimate questions in a way that the other worldviews, even other theistic worldviews, cannot. All in all, this year was full of growth and change for this ministry. As they look forward to a new year with new members, they look for more opportunities to see this life-changing ministry grow and prosper.

by Toni Celius

Anna Lufi, Toni Celius, Erin Seale show what a girls' sleepover is really like to demonstrate a transcendental worldview. Did this school steal the sign behind the girls from Bryan?
Photo by Michelle Rich

Mitch Hoskins, David Powell, and Michael Brown wish they could be princesses after seeing Cinderella at Disney World while in Florida with the Worldview Team.
Photo by Toni Celius

The Worldview Team presents its message to audience big and small.
Photo by Michelle Rich

Mr. John Stonestreet, Vashti Pearson, Erin Seale, Michelle Rich, Anna Lufi, Iris Griffioen, Susan Baker, Michelle Edwards, Ashley Siskey, Emily Mathers, Toni Celius, Michael Brown, Clay Wortham, Micah Odor, Oleg Matsko, Jonathan Mobley, and Mitch Hoskins are some of the members of the Worldview Team.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Melinda Snead and John Stonestreet
Photo by Michelle Rich

Clay Wortham, Michelle Rich, and Toni Celius act out a skit imitating MTV.
Photo Submitted by Michelle Rich

Break for Change: Mexico

The participants of Break for Change strongly desire to spend their spring break influencing others. This ministry offers many different avenues and locations for students to be able to do that. Some of the methods they used for ministry included miming, leading worship services, doing construction work, street evangelism, helping in churches, and inner-city ministry. This year's locations included Eleuthra, Mexico, Italy, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi. There were many awesome testimonies about those who were saved or who were receptive to the gospel. This is an awesome opportunity to reach out to those who might not otherwise be reached. by Jill Womack

Bruce was a favorite among the children.
Submitted by Bruce Morgan

Bruce and David hard at work.
Submitted by Bruce Morgan

The people gather around to study God's Word.
Photo by Bruce Morgan

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matt. 28:19-20

The Mexican children enjoy the love and attention they receive from Bryan students.
Photo by Bruce Morgan

Bruce entertains a young Mexican boy.
Submitted by Bruce Morgan

The Mexico Team and a couple of friends - Jason Storie, Heather Steele, Mindy Baker, Becky Kalz, Jenny Norton, Krista McCaleb, Molly Gaeta, Tim Murphey, Bruce Morgan, David Ritterbush, Donna Scheibe, and Jill Reeves.
Submitted by Bruce Morgan

CARE

The Fifty-Year-Old Tradition Gets a Face-Lift

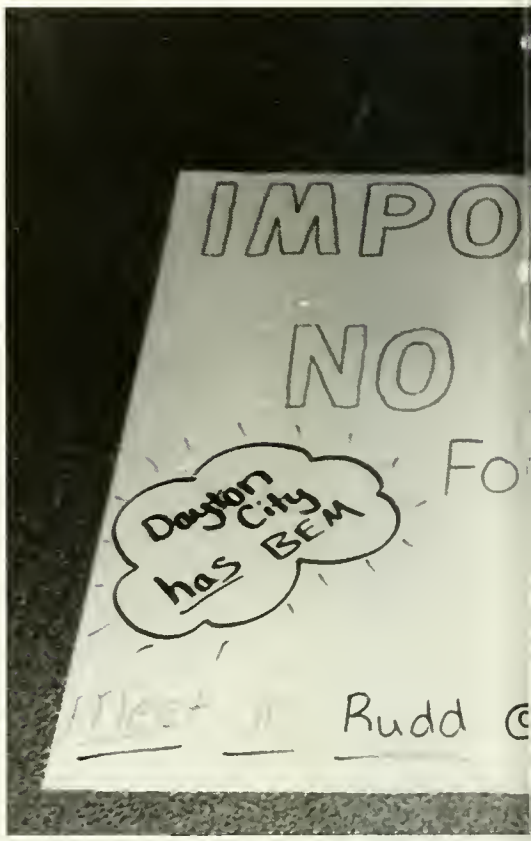
The fall of 1999 started out normal for the Bible Education Ministry (BEM), but after the first week in the schools it encountered some opposition. So, to appease everyone it was called off for a week at the county schools. After two weeks all was well again and BEM continued in the Classes. Dayton City schools then decided that it could not have BEM because of liability issues. So, a new program was established to correlate with the character education already going on in the area schools.

This new program is called Character and Relational Education (CARE). Bryan students still go in to the classrooms on Thursdays and teach a lesson. But now they teach a monthly character trait and they teach about a Bible character who emphasizes that trait.

PCI purchased new character education materials so that the CARE teachers would not have to compose the lessons on their own, but could get ideas, stories, and activities from the character education materials. Each month a list is posted of the Bible characters who demonstrate the trait and a list of materials for that particular trait.

The program has changed in name and in the materials used, but we are still reaching area students with God's Word. Everyone is thankful that this program was created, so the kids can still learn about our Savior and Lord. A huge thanks to all of the CARE teachers who didn't give up and who worked so diligently to create lessons for this new part of a wonderful ministry.

by Sheri Tillemans, creator of CARE

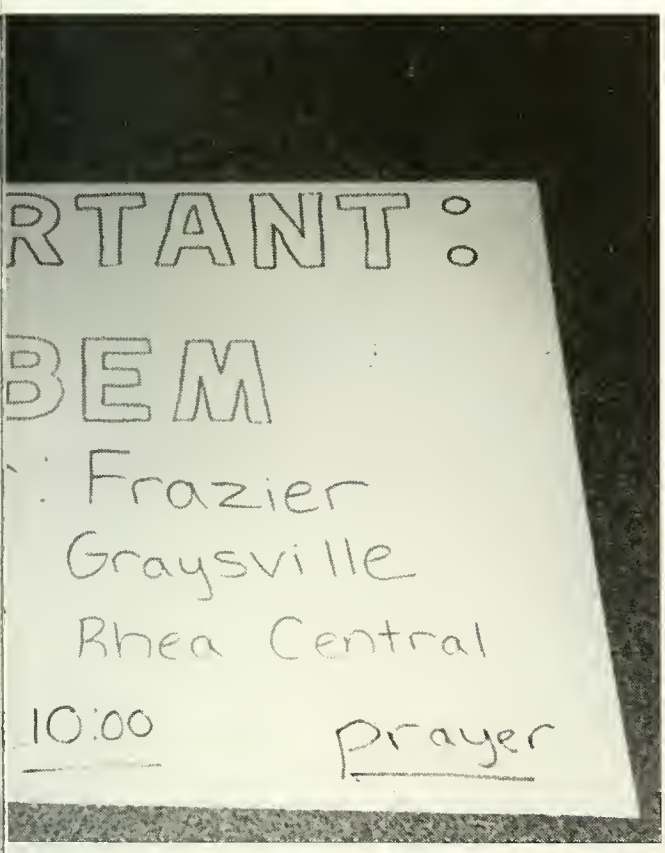


Cassie Joines, Lea Hudson, Abby Miller, Katie Buttram, and Susan Baker, along with all BEM and CARE teachers get a well-deserved reward for all their hard work.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Heather Steele, the BEM and CARE president for the second semester, gives final instructions on turn-in day.
Photo by Steve Paulson

First: Valerie Petitte, Amber Woodlee, Sarah Revell, Jen Vanden Heuvel, Gerianne Powell. Second: Katie Lott, Melissa Cairns, Debra Smith, Mary Green, Mesha Tallent, Ceste Stanly, Brooke Wilson, Claire Williams, Heidi Rew, Hope Kostreva, Elaine Davis, Dawn Dresselhaus. Third: Katie Buttram, Ingrid Anderson, Anna Pearson, Candi Caudill, Laura Yates, Emily Smith, Jenny Heaton, Rachel Pierce, Jonathan Pfaff, Michael Landry. Fourth: Tyler McWilliams, Brian Eisenback, Charlie Owens, Joshua Hood, Joe Delph, Bob Angove, Adam King, Todd Smith, Jason Wasser.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Kristi Lestmann and Mark Gradin at the BEM and CARE turn-in meeting.
Photo by Steve Paulson

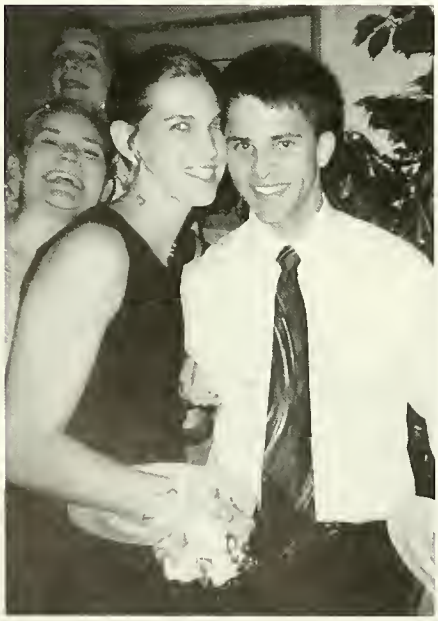


Due to first complaint over Bible Education in Dayton public elementary schools in all its years of existence, the students in charge of BEM had to think quickly and write a new curriculum for some of the schools.
Photo by Steve Paulson

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."
James 1:2-3

Juniors and Seniors and their dates have their picture taken as they await the buses.
Submitted by Bethany Horton

Jill Reeves and Elgin Gonce enjoy a romantic evening together.
Submitted by Jill Reeves

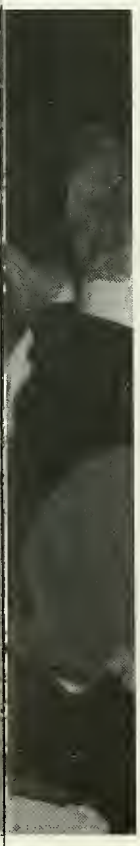


Hope Dallanegra and Tim Shetter concentrate on their targets.
Photo Submitted.

Junior/Senior Banquet

Argo's saw its finest group of people on the night of this important upperclassmen banquet. We filed onto the buses and enjoyed six different movies on the way to Knoxville, our first stop. Our meal was at the Southern Ballroom and consisted of chicken, ham, and shrimp, along with sides, fruit, and freshly baked rolls. After everyone had a chance to eat their food, we all needed to change into casual clothes. Because of a change of plans, the girls changed in the ballroom after all of the guys headed for the buses, where they changed. Then we all crowded on the buses again to head for The Track, a recreation center in Pigeon Forge. The activities there included putt-putt golf, laser tag, go-carts with a three-story track, arcade games, bumper boats, and even bungee jumping. We stayed there until the wee hours of the morning, when we loaded the buses again to return to the ballroom for the senior video viewing and the return. Although we had to cut out one of the stops for the evening and there were various other things that went wrong, who can stop Bryan College from having fun? It was a great evening and I commend all of those who put so much effort into the planning.

by Jill Womack



Rachel Schmitt, Christa Neeley, Beth Phillips, and Melissa — Work it, ladies!
Photo by Christine Dennis

Laura Foxworth and Matt Williams engage in an intense game of air hockey.
Photo Submitted.

Phil Smith, Allan Tantihachai, and Tyler Seera.
Photo Submitted

The Mikado

Kristi Lestmann (Beep-Bo), Beau Boutwell (Po-Ba), Kent Ashley (The Mikado), Keri-Lynn Paulson (Yum-Yum), Joey Amadee (Nanki-Poo), Lizzy Murphy (Katisha), Michael Brown (Koko), Beth Phillips (Pity-Sing), and Micah Odor (Pish-Tush) along with the rest of the Chorale starred in *The Mikado*.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Lizzy (Katisha) sings a passionate, yet bitter song about her love that left her.
Photo by Steve Paulson

This Spring, Rudd Auditorium was transformed into a Japanese courtyard. The Japanese decorations, props, dyed hair, and heavily made up faces all contributed to the setting of *The Mikado*, a Gilbert and Sullivan musical produced in a joint effort of the Hilltop Players and the Bryan College Music Department. The plot was a very complex love story. Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum were in love and wanted to get married, but Yum-Yum was supposed her guardian, Koko, the executioner of the town who had never actually executed anyone. He gets word from the Mikado that he must kill someone or his position will be removed. So, when he sees Nanki-Poo attempting suicide because of his forbidden love, he makes a deal to let him marry Yum-Yum for a month before being executed. Well, as we find out, Nanki-Poo is the Mikado's son who is supposed to marry Katisha. Well, Koko gets in trouble when the Mikado finds out that he "killed" his son (whom he actually set free) and has to marry Katisha to convince Nanki-Poo to come to the rescue. It is a very entertaining satire of the Japanese community. by Jill Womack

The Mikado considers punishing those officers that supposedly executed his son, Nanki-Poo.
Photo by Steve Paulson

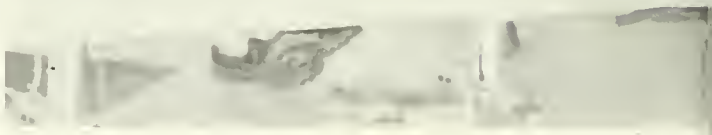
Micah, Michael, Beau flirt with the oriental women Beth, Keri-Lynn, Kristi.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Michael Brown as Koko revels in his praise from the townspeople.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Due to the fire in th Ad. building, Caravan headquarters were moved to the Student Life Center. Students are saddened by the obvious reminder of the tragic event by the new placement of the Caravan sign.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Caravaners participate in a game night in the gym.
Photo by Bethany Horton

A Caravan sign used to be hung from the door to the lobby of the Ad. building on the road leading to the building, but now the only sign is hung at the Student Life Center.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Caravan

Caravan: the word strikes fear into the hearts of Bryan College students! Long lines at Argo's, people we don't know staying in our rooms, and strangers randomly wandering around campus, looking rather lost. However, for all the inconveniences Caravan presents to current Bryan students, one must think of the many advantages the experience gives prospective Bryan students. One of the things that sets Bryan apart is the students that come here. For many high school students, the deciding factor in choosing a college is student life. Bryan students have a reputation of being friendly, accepting, and genuinely caring about those who visit here. Caravan provides potential students with a glimpse into the unique student life that sets Bryan apart and gives them a chance to experience "college life," even if only for a weekend.

by Sarah Drake

Caravaners and students play sock hockey.
Photo by Bethany Horton

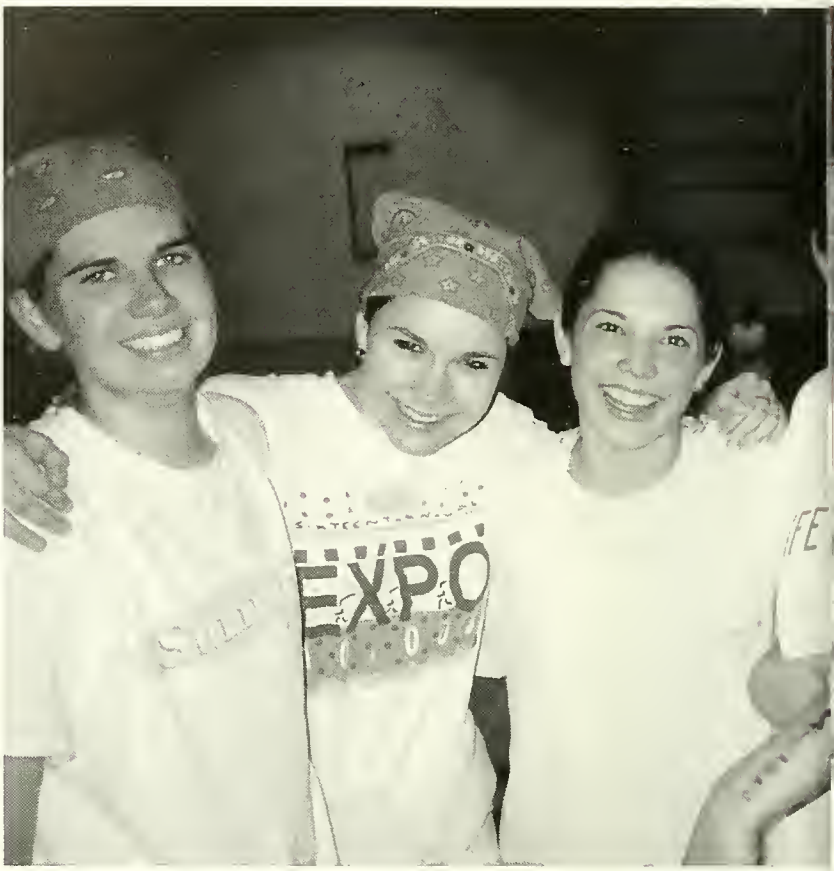
Students and visitors alike enjoy a Caravan ice cream social in Argo's.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Wendi Bauman, Melinda Snead, and Simon Sakatos have to set up the Admissions table in the cafeteria of the Student Life Center since the fire.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Intramurals

Sponsor Speaks

"There was a great deal of participation this year in intramurals. Some of the larger competitions included volleyball, flag football, and basketball. There were also additions to the regular sports to include frisbee golf and badminton tournaments. There was a mixture of class competition and sign-ups but all earned points for their respective classes through placement in the tournaments."

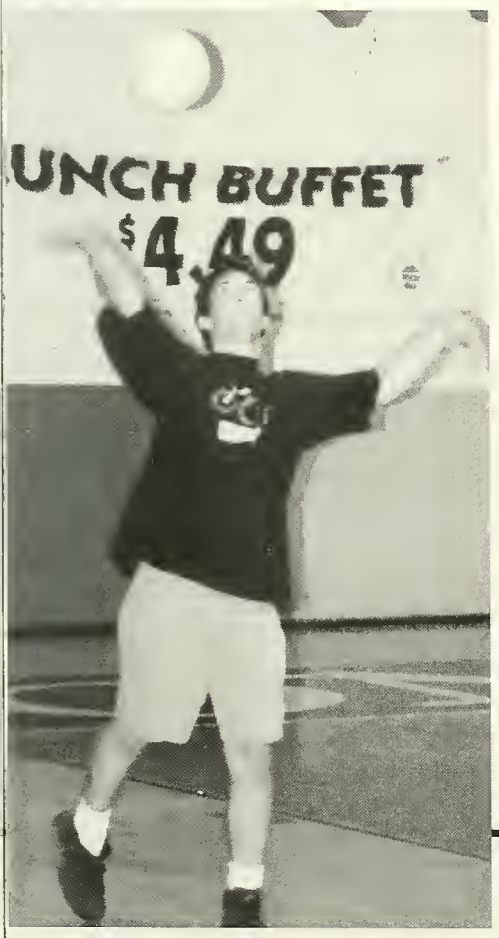


Joie Stone serves it up in intramural volleyball.
Photo Submitted

Matt Johnson takes part in the intramural games.
Photo Submitted

"Watch this! I can make the ball float. Isn't that awesome?" Josh Daugereau wishes everyone appreciates his talents.
Photo Submitted

Alison Viner, Gen. Toth, Rachel Palmer, Betsy Keehn, Jenny Ruark, Kauri Tallant participate in Intramurals.
Photo Submitted



Steve Paulson performs a native dance in preparation for serving the ball.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jeff Hall makes a perfect spike right into the net.
Photo Submitted

Emily Mathers, Ashley Siskey, Kelley Atkins, Hope Dallanegra are raring to beat they guys at go-cart racing.
Photo by Steve Paulson

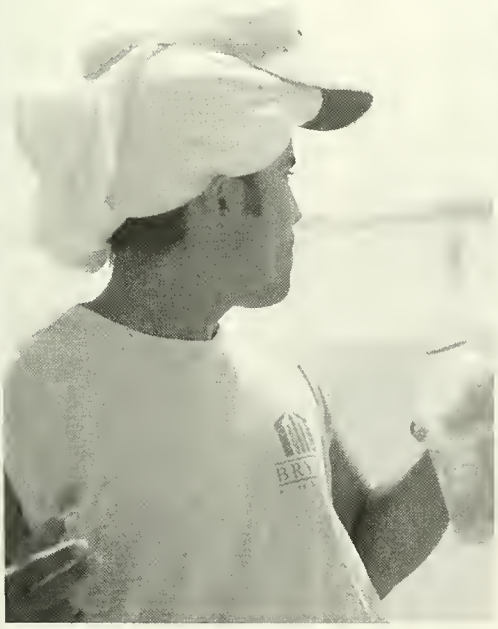
Charlie Owens prepares a long-desired "home-cooked" meal.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mindy Baker and Wendi Bauman enjoy old-fashioned horse racing with a new videogame twist.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Senior Trip

The senior trip consisted of stops at two locations. It began in Big Ridge, Tennessee, where the group stayed in cabins from Friday night until Sunday morning. They enjoyed activities such as volleyball, softball, hiking, tennis, and frisbee golf. Sunday was spent travelling to Charleston, South Carolina, where they spent the rest of their trip. Each day, something new was offered. The options were going to the beach with sub sandwiches and chips for lunch, a harbor tour, a carriage ride, a tour of the U.S.S. Yorktown, and a trip to Frankie's, a recreation center with pizza for lunch. Overall, it was a fun and relaxing time for many who went on this all-important senior getaway.

by Jill Womack



A cabin in Big Ridge, Tennessee.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mike Veloz protects his head from further burning.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Nikki Burnette, Ronda Bruce, and Sarah Crist savor their opportunity to get some sun at the beach in Charleston.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The Commoner

Erica Herman, with her beautiful hair, works on cropping pictures during a meeting one Wednesday night.
Photo by Steve Paulson

"Whew! It's finally done!" These were the words that the staff exclaimed at the end of the week *after* graduation. This year was unique to all other years for many reasons. We had a new advisor, Mr. Bud Schatz, who is new to the school as a professor of Public Relations as well. We also changed printing companies, so we had a lot of new software, techniques, and capabilities to learn. We also had a huge story to cover that affected the entire Bryan family, on-campus and extended. There was so much we wanted to do, but with a small staff and so many adjustments to make, we may not have reached our goal. We have really enjoyed working on this book and truly hope you enjoy it. The many Wednesday night work sessions we had, the hours some of us spent after most others were gone, the insane captions we composed at two in the morning . . . but it was all worth it. Perhaps we got a slow start and have not lived up to our own expectations, but perhaps we have done our work to the glory of God. Any complaints about the book should come to us, but any praise should go to the author of order and creativity. Our work is for Him.

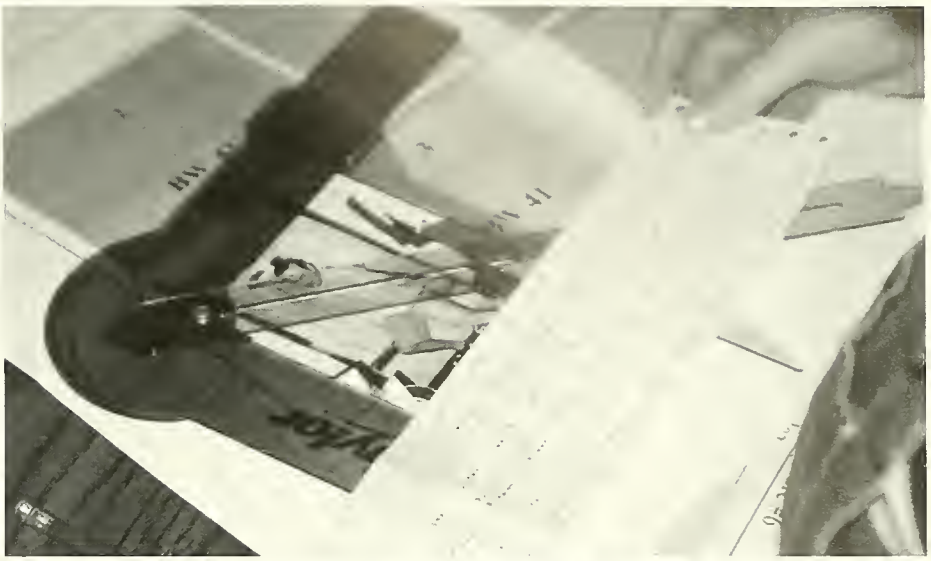
by Jill Womack, editor

Searching through the yearbook envelopes, Bethany Horton piles the envelopes everywhere.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jill Womack, Mr. Bud Schatz, Chasity Oldham, and Jill Reeves are excited about seeing the new yearbooks.
Photo by Mary Green

Sarah Drake looks to her fearless leader Jill Womack for her next assignment.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Every picture must be labelled with stickers and cropped and given captions before finally being sent to the publisher.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Advisor Bud scrutinizes editor Jill Womack's instructions for the class about what needs to be done next.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Chasity thinks its really hard work supervising, so she is taking a break to snack on chocolate.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mark Gradin and Tim Shetter joyfully embrace at their completion.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Dr. Brown, although a favorite speaker, introduces the main speakers for this day.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Dr. Bill Brown and Mr. Stophel present diplomas to the graduates with the two-story Ad. building in the background.
Photo by Bethany Horton

The graduation processional heightens the anxiety of every senior about their final act as undergraduate college students.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Graduation

"It was perfect weather for Graduation," commented Resident Director Myra Goza. With the audience facing the newly opened Student Life Center and the stage facing the newly under construction Administration building, everything really did seem to be working together for good. There were 111 graduates to receive diplomas, 53 of which received B.A. degrees, and the remaining 58 receiving B.S. degrees.

There were over 1,000 people in attendance, many of them family and friends of graduates. The loudest applause came after Tim Shetter's name was called. In his many years at Bryan, Tim has made many friends from different classes. Heather Hammond's family released red and yellow balloons when her name was called. Every fan club had a different way of expressing it, but they were all very proud of that special graduate on this special day.

by Jill Womack

Graduation is a day to be shared with all loved ones, no matter how small.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Jennifer Berry embraces her dad, who proudly smiles at his daughter for her accomplishments.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Olivia Fagan, Wendi Bauman, Sarah Crist, Mindy Baker, and David Wilkes savor their final days together and the time away from school while in Big Ridge, Tennessee on Senior Trip.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Tammy Ballard and Dara Ballard ride video motorcycles during Senior Trip.
Photo by Steve Paulson

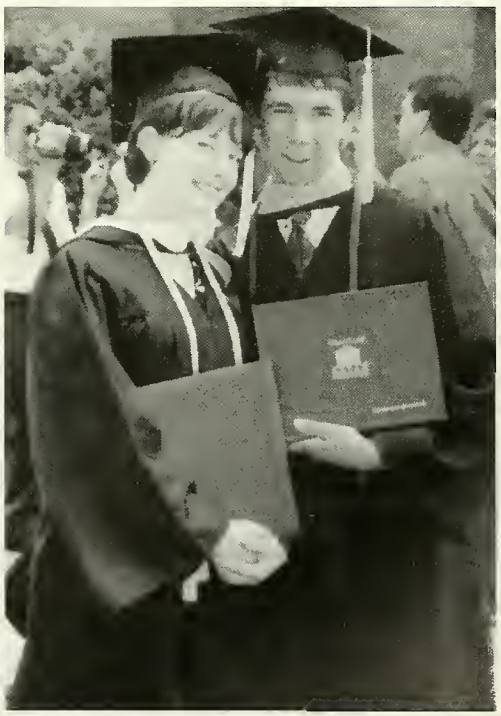
"In my younger years, I used to be so free, but I don't know what's happening to me. We all know by now that time is the enemy. It controls us, tells us where to be."
— MxPx

Josh Daugereau, Charlie Owens, and Jake Puckett performed "My Little Buttercup" to a delighted audience at the Talent Show.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Going back to his roots, Matt Pierce dons chains and spikes, a duct-taped and patched jacket, and nappy black wig to model a rough 80's punk for the Bryan Brawl.
Photo by Bethany Horton

James "Jimbo" Hutcheson will be missed, when he leaves, for his loud and obnoxious, but caring ways.
Photo by Steve Paulson

The senior girls take an opportunity during senior chapel to share their commentary on dating and marriage at Bryan College.
Photo by Michael Brown



Beloved photographer Steve Paulson and his wife Keri-Lynn pose for a picture he couldn't take on this graduation day.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Ann Burwick: A Memorial

Ann and Ray Burwick dress up as Swiss Mountaineers for a costume party.
Photo Submitted by Ray Burwick

Ray and Ann Burwick with their three children Gretchen, Ray Jr., and Amy.
Photo Submitted by Ray Burwick

Ann's favorite activity was grandparenting. She is holding five-hour old Gabriella.
Photo Submitted by Ray Burwick

How can I put into words what Ann Burwick meant to me? It is impossible, yet I will try to convey to you through the next few paragraphs what this incredible woman meant in my life and relationship with God. May He use my words to speak to your heart.

I didn't want to see her. I didn't have any problems. I'd forgiven those who had hurt me, God had forgiven me — there was NOTHING to talk about. My mom made me go. I'm bigger than she is! Why did I obey her? Why should I tell some stranger about my problems? I don't HAVE any problems! Really! Only wimps need counselors, and I was NOT a wimp, or so I thought. Ann Burwick was tall with dark red hair, and had the kindest eyes I'd ever seen. No matter how blunt I got with her, she was never insulted or shocked. I'd sit on her couch in her Birmingham office and cry. The Kleenex box was my faithful sidekick. My tears didn't embarrass her or make her nervous. She'd just wait until I could speak again and then she'd continue to listen to me. I kept on expecting her to reject me because of all the things that had happened in my life, yet she never did.

One of my favorite things about Ann was that she was consistently blunt and honest with me. She saw through my attempts to take the blame for others' wrong actions, and she called me on it in a way that didn't hurt my feelings. Being the youngest of three and a people-pleaser, I was touched by her ability to not make me feel like dirt for doing something wrong. What a blessing she was in my life! She was a godly mother-figure to me, and a faithful friend. She had such faith that God would one day turn my pain and sorrow into a blessing, she believed in me and unfailingly pointed me to His abundant truth. I am extremely blessed to have known Ann Burwick, one of His instruments. I miss her still, and I feel a little lost sometimes without her down here. I look forward to the day when I can see her smile once again.

I memorized the words to the hymn "Be Still, My Soul!" a few years ago and the third verse below has encouraged me many times during the past few months. "Be still, my soul! Though dearest friends depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears. Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart who comes to soothe thy sorrows and they fears. Be still, my soul! Thy Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away."

by Rachel Mizell

This is how most Bryan students remember Mrs. Burwick. She was a counselor and helped her husband with women's basketball.
Photo by Steve Paulson

As a musician, Ann had perfect pitch.
Photo Submitted by Ray Burwick

People

Amadee, Joey
Anderson, Ingrid
Angove, Bob
Arute, David
Ashley, Kent
Bales, Josh

Bales, Megan
Berry, Kimberly
Blanton, Wesley
Boling, Lisanne
Branson, David
Bryer, Julie

Burton, Heather Lynn
Buttram Katie
Canida, Susan
Carroll, Shelly
Carver, Ben
Caudill, Candi

Cole, Warren
Cone, Joshua
Cosby, Kristen
Crawford, Julie

Croxton, Matthew
Darling, Rebekah
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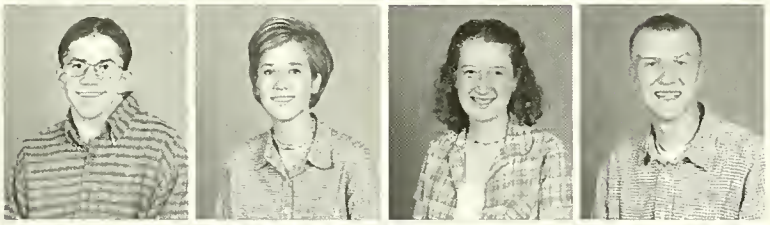

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Dresselhaus, Dawn
Elledge, Kelly

Adam King dresses up as the basketed crusader for Spirit Week . . . we hope!
Photo by Mary Green

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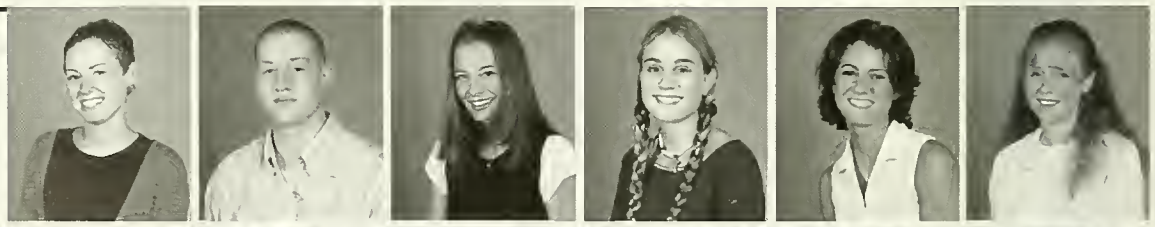
Evaul, Brian
Fair, Lawanda
Fischer, Kathleen
Fleming, Brooke
Frazier, Karen



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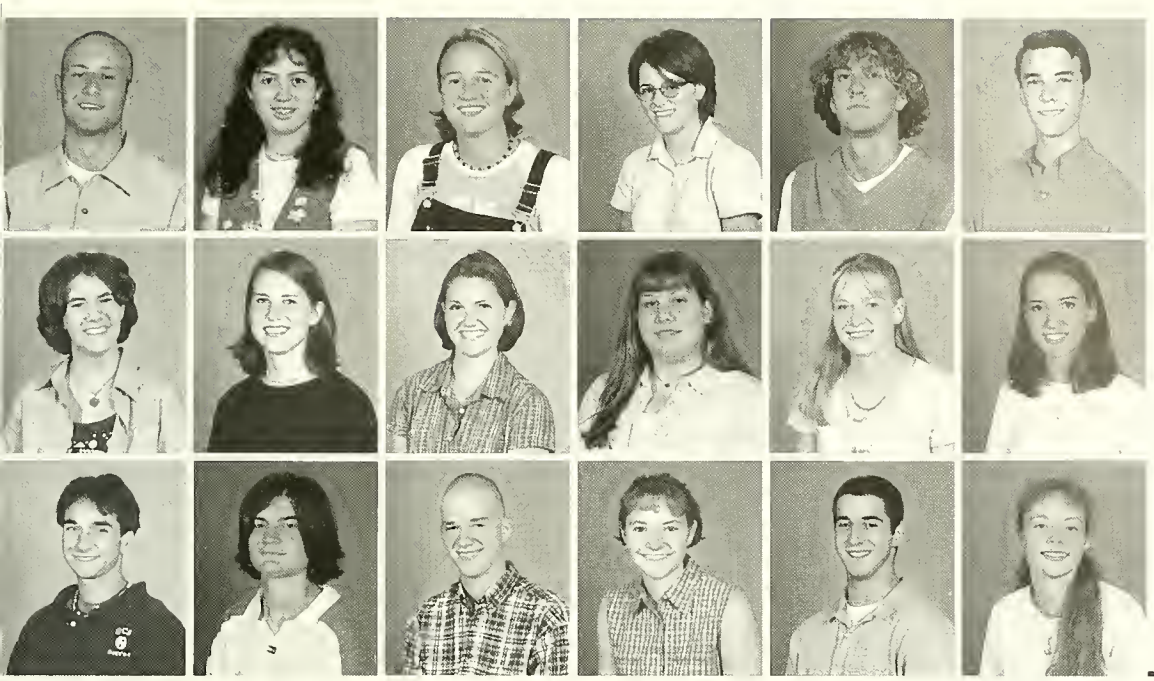
Gleason, Donnie
Grant, Brandy



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Heinze, Ky

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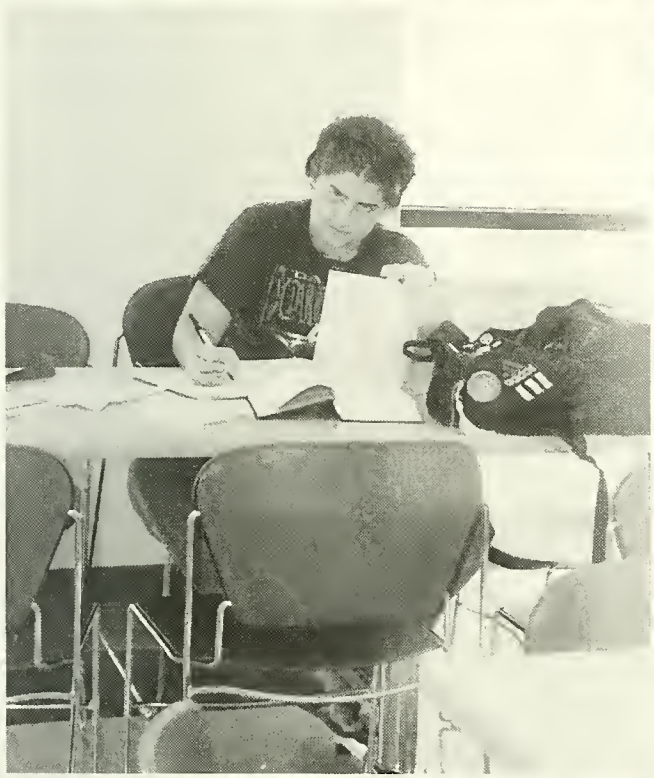

Annie Dickerson turns the cafeteria into her personal study room.
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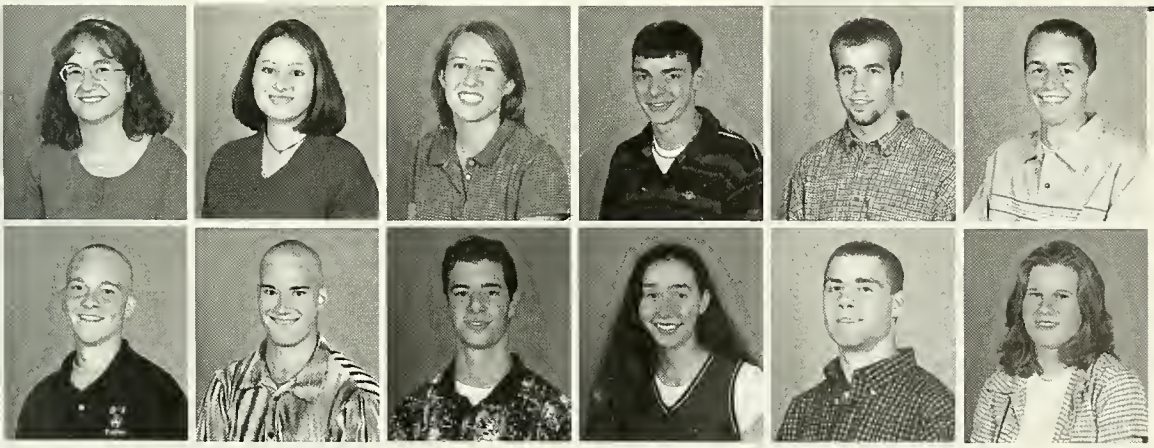
Kellie-Sue Gilmore, Jen Vanden Heuvel, Jewel Gardner, Claire Williams, Ingrid Anderson, and Ken Miller are the Freshmen Presidential Scholars.
Photo Submitted by Jewel Gardner



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Kelley, Joe
Kempf, Seth
Kier, Donnie

Kier, Ronnie
King, Adam
King, Jason
Kostreva, Hope
Landry, Michael
Laws, Sheri

Claire Williams and Sarah Drake dress up for decade day. Who is the true flower child?
Photo Submitted.

Lucas Lewis is in his natural habitat surrounded by girls. How many times has he not had a girl with him when he was not in the dorm?
Photo by Steve Paulson

Freshman Class Officers: Jewel Gardner, Rachel Held, Jenny Ruark, Heidi Rew, Jonathan Pfaff, Josh Bales, and Will McAllister.
Photo Submitted by Jewel Gardner

Amy Bushey and Matt Croxton discuss life near the flagpole.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jen Vanden Heuvel tutors outside on a nice day surrounded by God's beautiful creation.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Rachel Pierce, Heidi Rew, Hope Kostreva, Candi Caudill, and Amber Woodlee cheer for their favorite team: BRYAN.
Photo Submitted

Lay, Jonathan
Lee, Carrie
Lewis, Lucas
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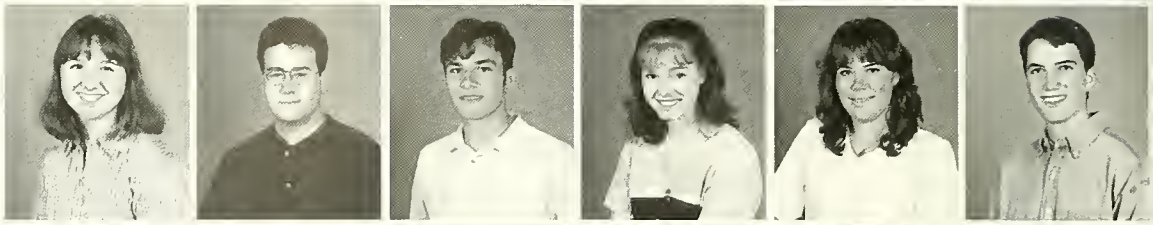

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Palmer, Rachel

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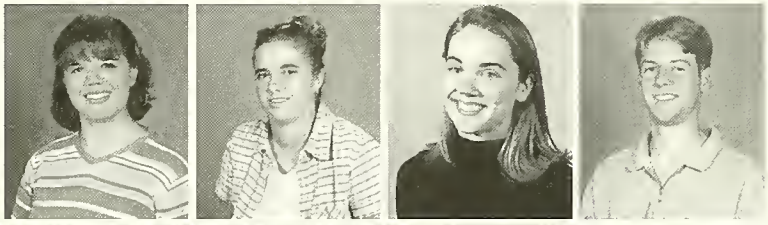

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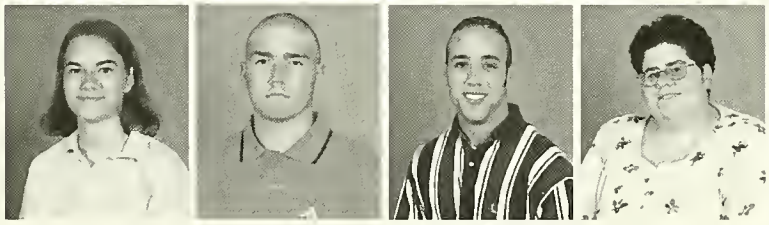

Joseph Kelley snatches a quick hug from Jennifer Wilson before class.
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Rew, Heidi
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Roman, Jessica
Rose, Sharyn

Ruark, Jenny
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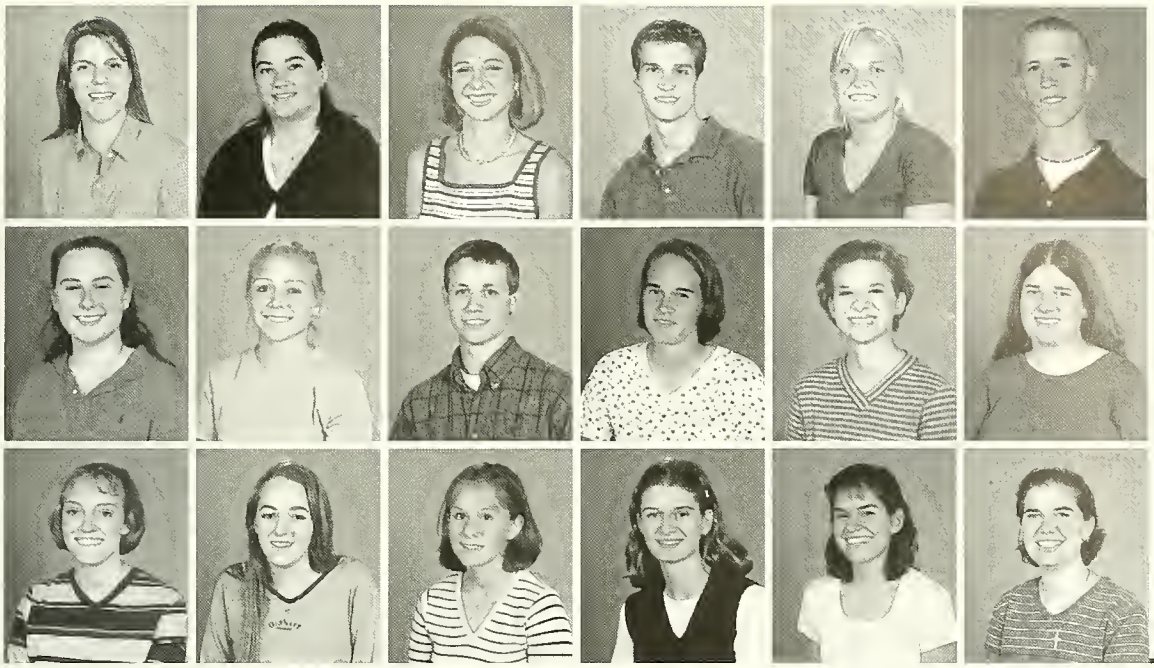
Simmons, Charity
Smith, Debra



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Smith, Tammy
Smith, Todd

Snodgrass, Rachel
Snowden, Chasity
Southards, Matt
Soyster, Marie
Spangler, Andrea
Stanly, Ceste

Stotts, Beth
Sweeny, Jennifer
Tallant, Kauri
Todd, Michelle
Vanden Heuvel, Jennifer
Viner, Alison

Todd Smith enjoys the Freshman bonfire.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

Jessica Roman utilizes the grassy bowl to savor the outdoor while getting some studying accomplished.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Weil, Jessica
Wesson, Chris
Whitlock, Mark
Williams, Claire
Williams, Robin
Wilson, Brooke

Wilson, Jennifer Leigh
Woodlee, Amber
Wright, Brett

Will McAllister officially becomes "one of the boys" by going through the ritual of the Iron Elbow.
Photo Submitted by Jewel Gardner

Susan Canida, Krista Breuninger, Charity Simmons, Christy Hunt, Ceste Stanly, Jewel Gardner, Sarah Drake, Michelle Todd, Jen Vanden Heuvel, Allison Johnson, Andrea Spangler, Jenny Ruark, Rachel Snodgrass, Claire Williams, Jennifer Sweeney, Jessica Weil, Kelly Elledge, Dawn Dresselhaus of the Houston basement enjoy a good time together away from the Bryan Campus.
Photo Submitted by Jewel Gardner

The girls on fourth Long share a fun night with friends from Long second. Robin Wedekind, Hannah Hammond, Jenny Hughes, Jennie Burleson, Cassie Smith, Sue Huber, Jo Harvey, and Jessica Saxon.
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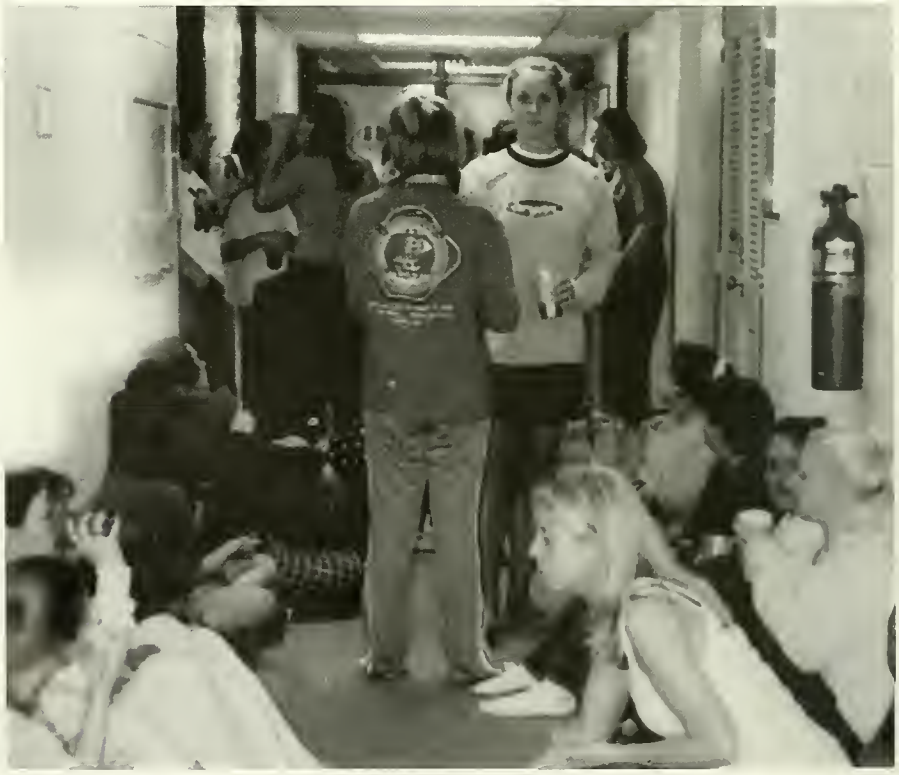


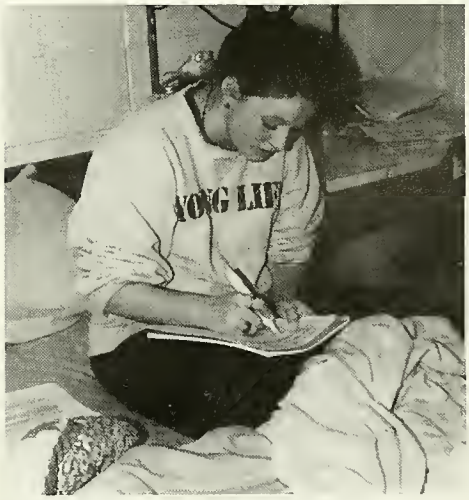
Nikki Riggs checks the weather on her America On Line account from the dorm room she shares with Melissa Gann.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Dorm Life

Upon visiting rooms across the Bryan campus, I have discovered that we bring absurd things to college to remind us of home. The following is a list of some of the stranger mementoes:

1. nailclippers (as a wall decoration)
2. spatula (also wall decoration w/inscription)
3. cactus
4. candles (that we can't burn)
5. fake fruit
6. a map of home state
7. lock of mother's hair (believe it, it's happened)
8. flag of home country (I'm talking to you M.K.'s!)
9. plastic E.T.
10. inflatable furniture

by Erica Herman



Miss Myra Goza, Tim Shetter, Mrs. Krista Hetzel, and Mark Gradin can be found playing cards late into the night at Tara Luther's apartment.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Jodi Buttram works on a homework assignment until the wee hours of the morning in the comfort of her room.
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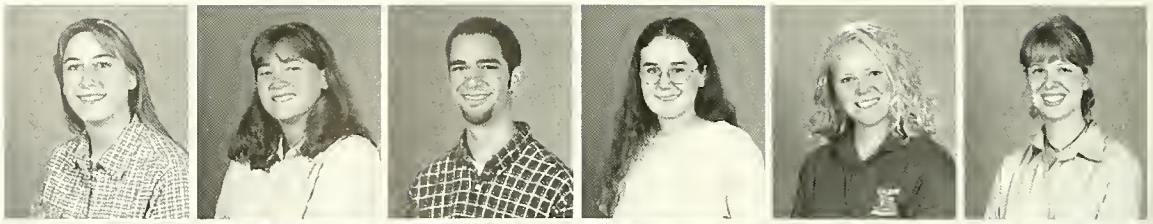
Arnold, Mandy
Bah, Andrew
Baldwin, Kristen
Beasley, Renae
Black, Erica



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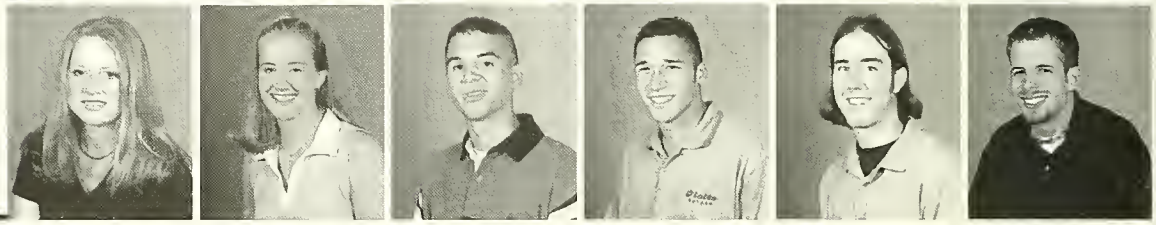
Cavaluzzi, Will
Clark, Matt



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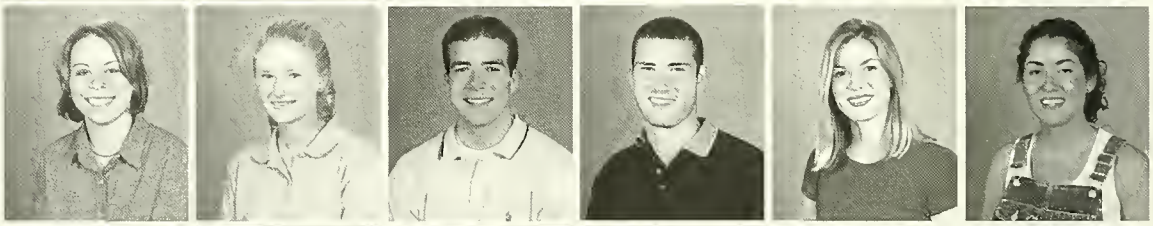

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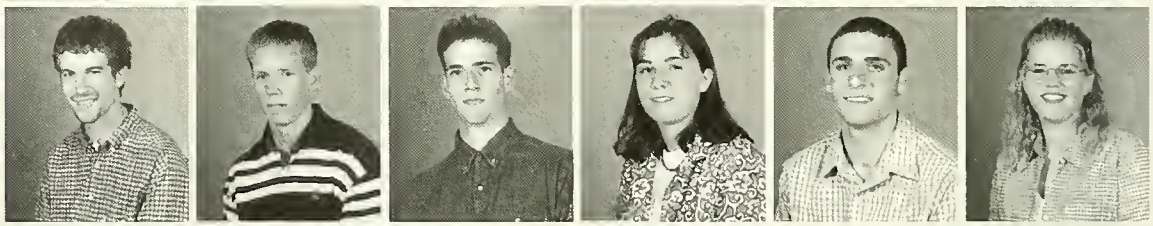

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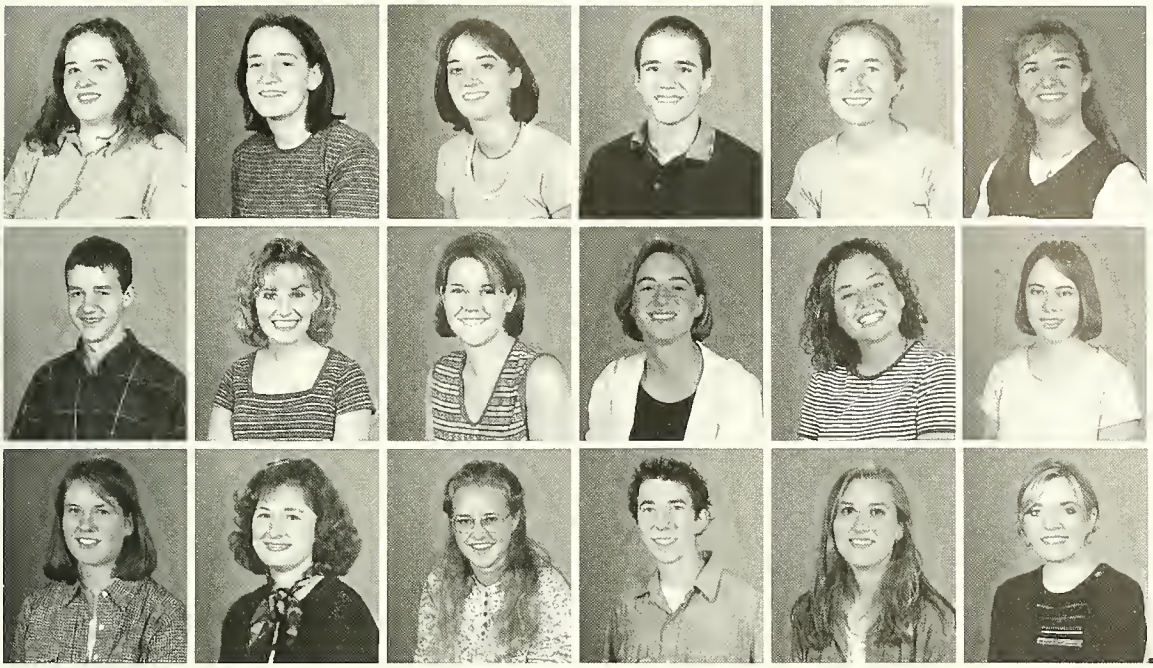
Horton, Bethany
Huber, Sue



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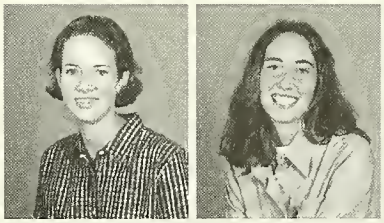
Lestmann, Kristi
Long, Jodi
Lufi, Anna
Luster, Laura
Magill, Tobi
Mann, David
Mantooth, Allyssa
Martin, Paige

Jennifer Wilson, Amber Lane, Jo Harvey, and Kristi Lestmann do good imitations of zombies because that is how they look when they first wake up.
Photo Submitted by Jennifer Wilson



Martin, Sarah
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Winnie Buck studies quietly in the grassy bowl.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mathers, Anndrea
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Mfonyam, Ruth
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Mitchell, John
Mobley, Jonathan
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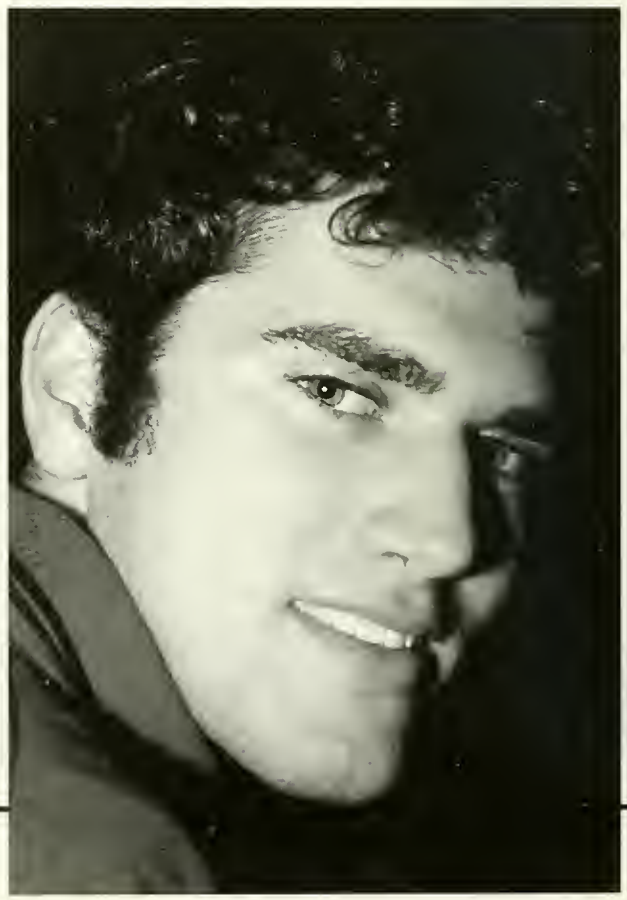
Myers, Steve
Nathan, Daniel

The masses turned out in droves to see Bethany Horton in a dress. Bethany and Danny Reid before Junior/Senior.
Photo Submitted by Bethany Horton

While away on the sophomore retreat. Miles Ericson, Steve Myers, and Matt Clark want to do nothing but lunge around and talk.
Photo by Jennifer Wilson



Is it David Hasselhoff? Oh, no, it's David Powell.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Sarah White and Kristen Immel enjoy a good laugh at the RA retreat.
Photo by Steve Paulson

David Henderson, David Haase, Paula Heathershaw, and Anna Kellogg share laughs and photos during an open dorm.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Clay Wortham performs in the skit "The Champion" during Passion Week.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Brian Eisenback and Tyler McWilliams sport their new shirts.
Photo Submitted by Mr. Palmer

Neff, Anna
Nidiffer, Eric
Odor, Micah
Oldham, Chasity
Palmer, Matt
Park, Andy

Parker, Adam
Pendergrass, Rachel
Peterson, Terrence
Phillips, April
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Powell, Daivd

Rader, Lara
Rapson, Bethany
Revell, Sarah
Roberts, Bethany
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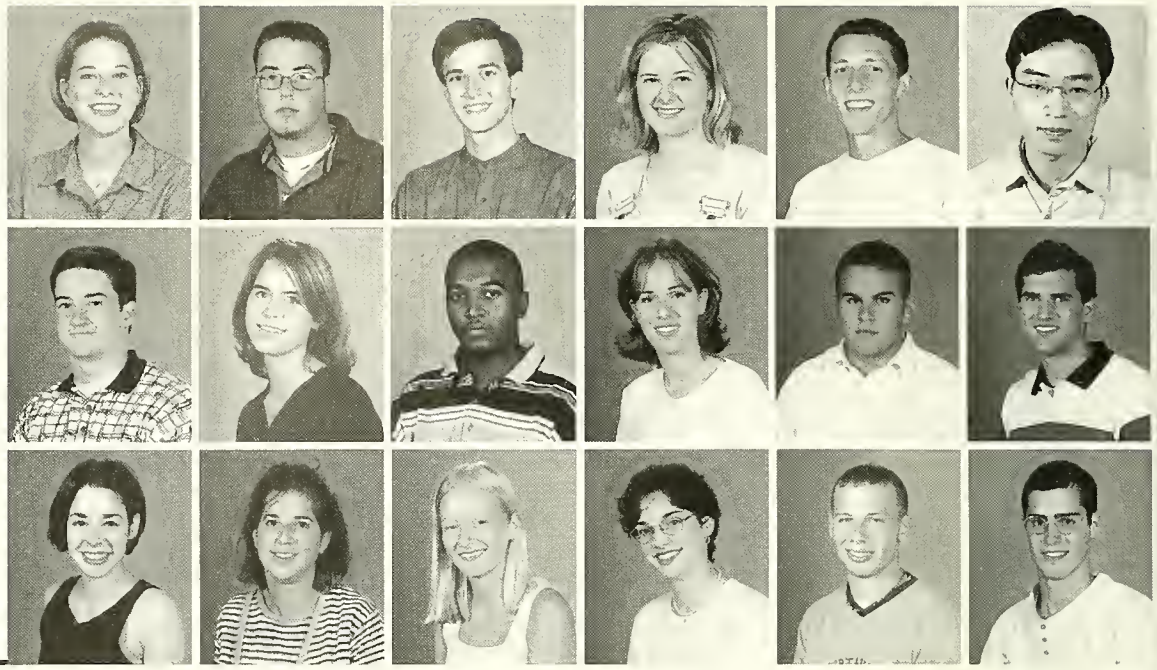
Ryan, Pete



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Smith, IV
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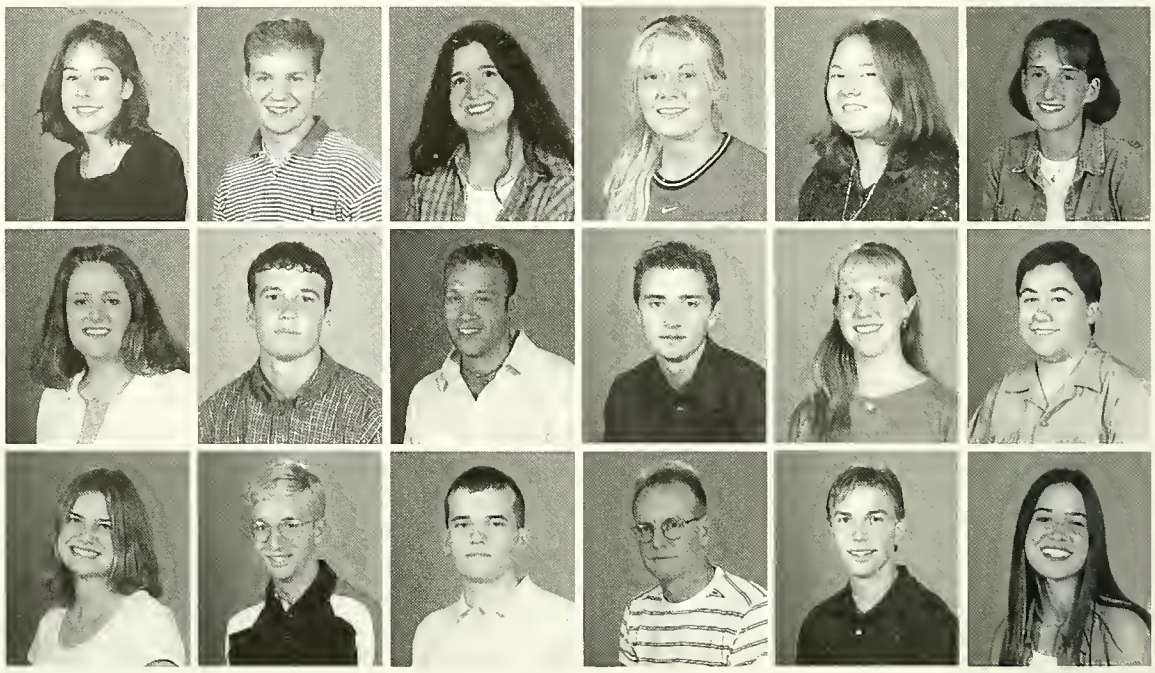

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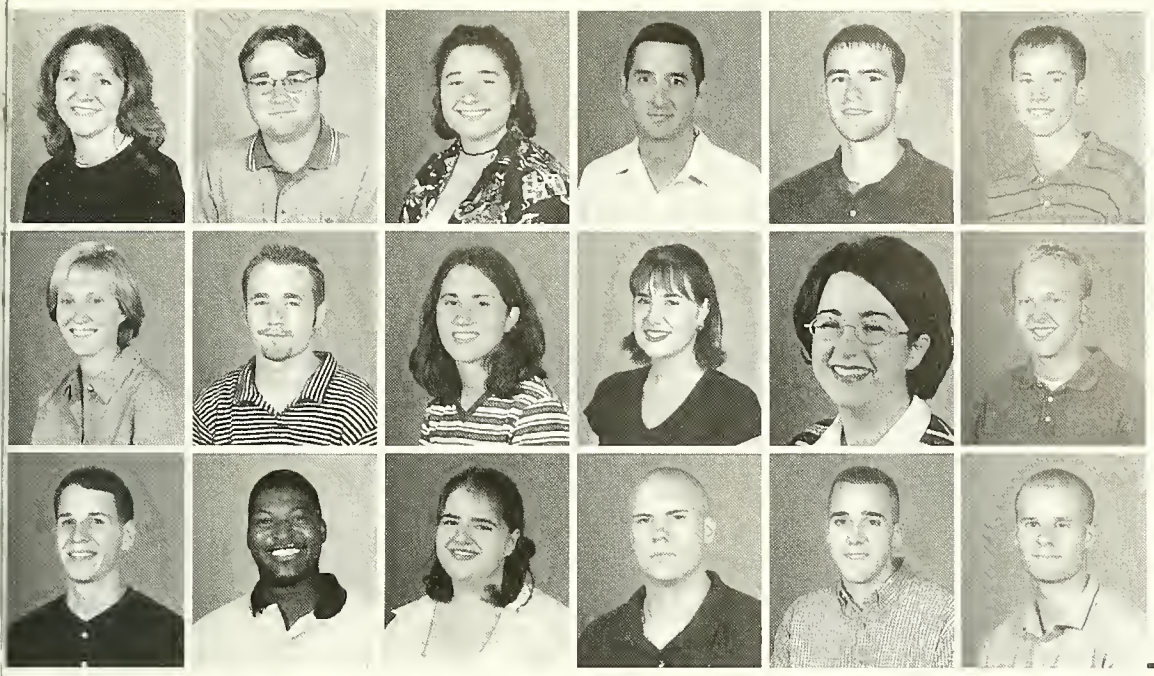

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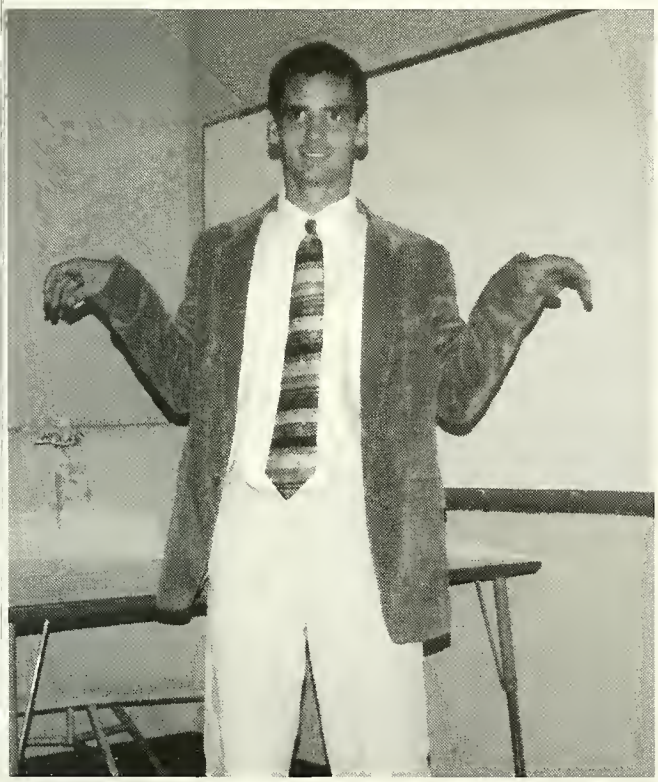

"I'm a little teapot." No, no, Mitch, to be a teapot, you need one hand on your hip. Mitch Hoskins in Biology class.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

Though Jessie Andrews faithfully went to all the men's varsity basketball games to record the statistics, she was not able to go with the team to Nationals due to a lack of school funding.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Celius, Toni
Cerna, Gonzalo
Chamberlin, Karen
Cole, Lesley
Cooley, Amber
Cottrell, April

Cruse, Jalena
Davidson, Jayson
Dennis, Christine
Drummond, Moises
Duncan, Daniel
Durante, Armando

Jackie Bott and Christa Neeley practice skankin' when they think no one else is around. (Just learn at a show. There's really no way to mess it up.)
Photo by Christine Dennis

While in Washington D.C. with Chorale, Michael Brown and Christine Dennis get an early start practicing for *The Mikado*.
Photo Submitted by Christine Dennis

"I'm King of the World!" Christa Taylor has come straight from the Titanic to join the others in her class for Junior/Senior.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Toni Celius and Michael Brown have a special meal in Argo's for the Christmas Banquet. Fruit and Mardi Gras beads make a great corsage.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Rachel Mizell loves the sense of control and power she has as a class officer and bus leader during Junior/Senior.
Photo Submitted

Yvonne and Martha West delight in the fact that mother and daughter can go to college at the same time.
Photo by Steve Paulson

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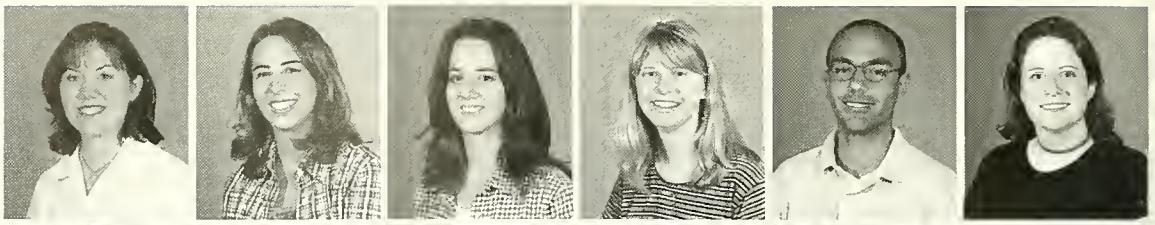
Elliott, Rachelle
Flores, Christal
Foxworth, Laura
Franca, Saulo
Gann, Melissa



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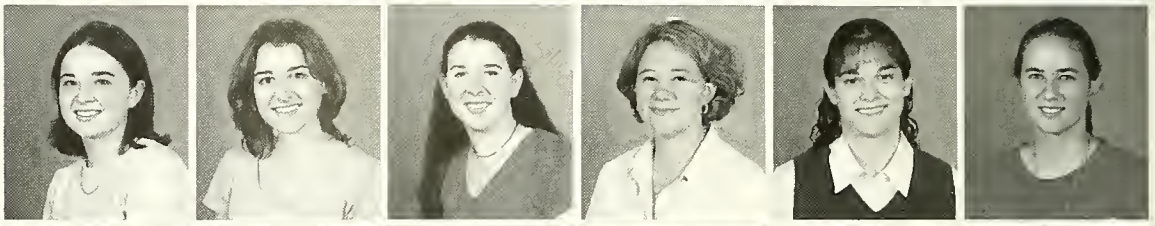
Hill, Kellie



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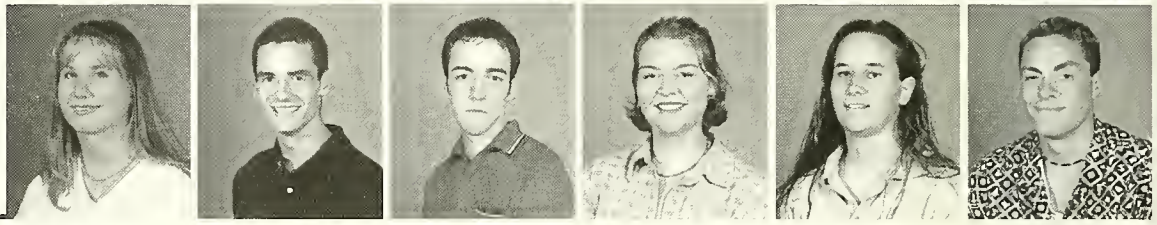

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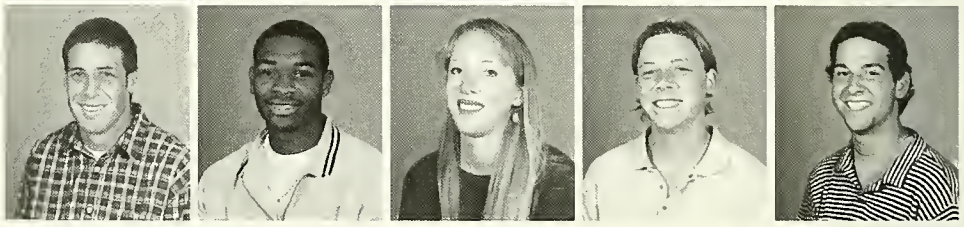

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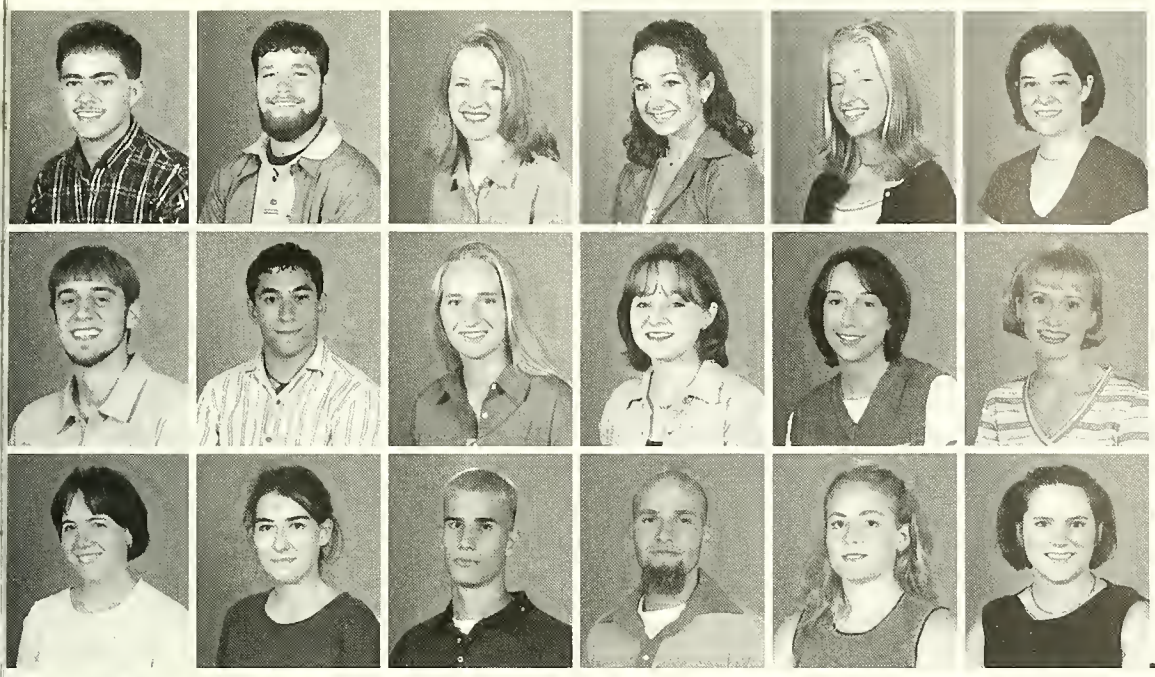

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Smith, Phil
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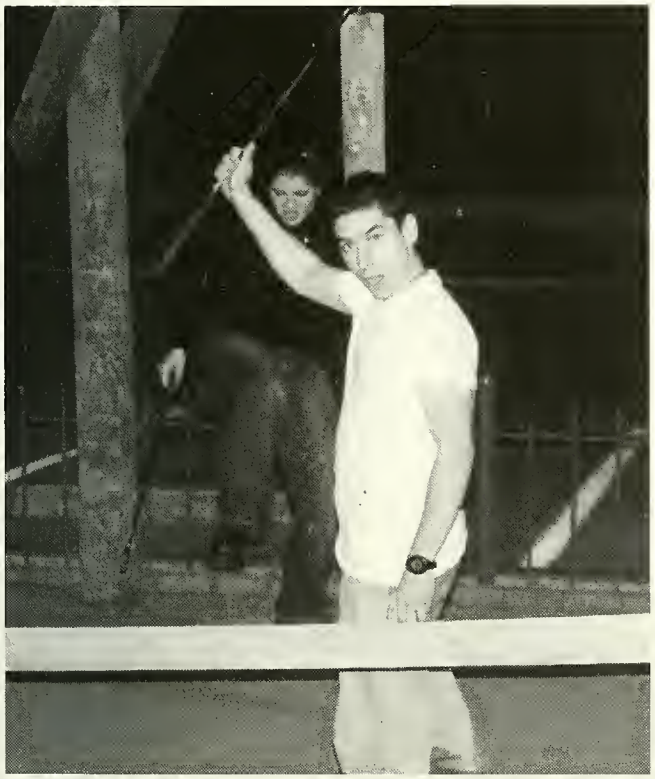
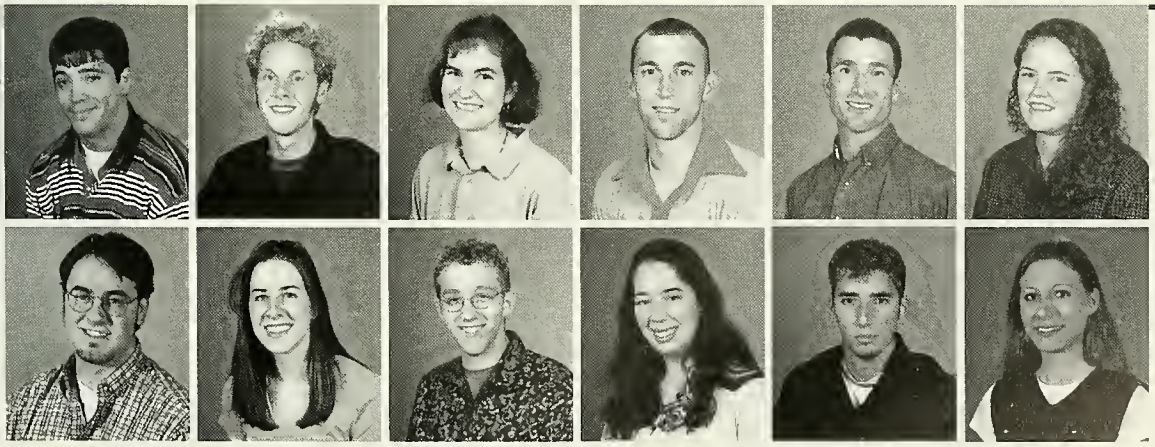
Tallen, Mesha
Taylor, Christa



Mike Roukas and Annie Dickerson vent their frustration over not making the par on hole 3 of miniature golf.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Matt Johnson and Christina Senter try to figure out which drink belongs to which person while Ben Lavoie can only sit and laugh at the absurdity.
Photo by Rachel Mizell.



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Unsicker, Tim
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West, Martha

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Winter, John
Womack, Jill
Woodard, Caleb
Yates, Laura

Mrs. Lauralee Boling and Dr. Paul Boling with their graduate daughter, Michelle.
Photo by Bethany Horton

Katie Buttram, Mike Sheddan, and Josh Jahncke make music from trash cans for the Freshman talent show.
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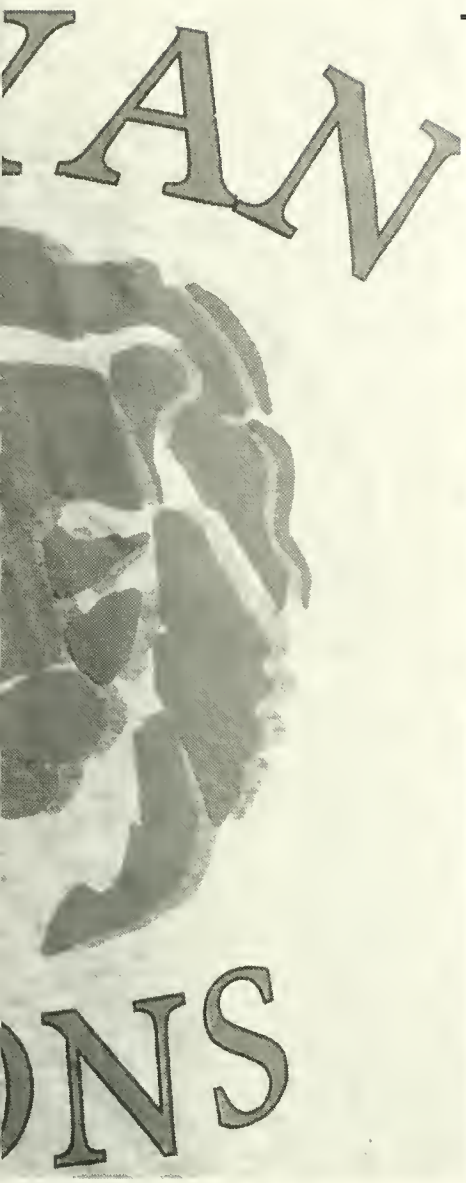
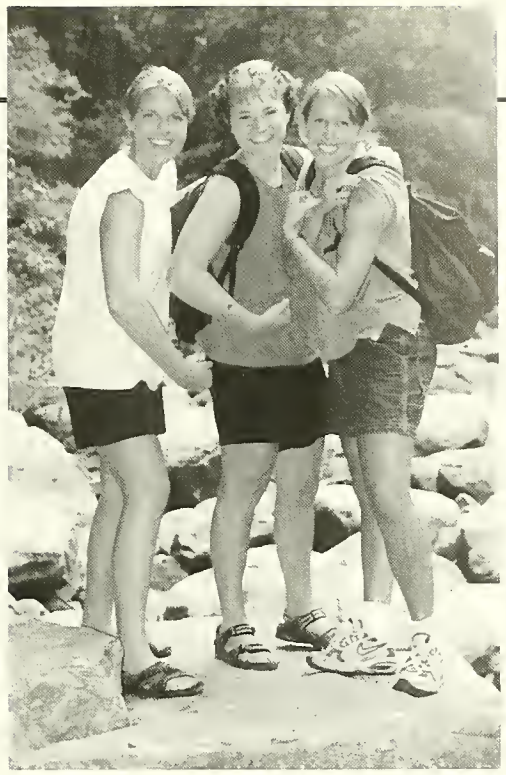




Emily Smith, Allison Johnson, and Betsy Keehn show off how buff they are while hiking at Pocket.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Amber Lane, Carrie Wilson, Jo Harvey, Winnie Buck, Jennifer Wilson, Hannah Hammond, Robin Wedekind, Jenny Bradshaw, and Cassie Smith enjoy a quick break from school while in Gatlinburg for the Sophomore retreat.
Photo Submitted

Matt Johnson, Rachel Mizell, Lesley Cole, Christa Taylor, Karen Chamberlin, Christina Senter, Ben Lavoie, and the chef play at Indiana Jones in preparation for the Junior/Senior banquet.
Photo Submitted by Rachel Mizell

Steve Paulson, Tammy Ballard, Stephanie Wise, Sheri Tillemans, Tim Murphey, Olivia Fagan, Chip Miller, Keri-Lynn Paulson, Jason Scott, and Iris Griffioen pose with an airplane during Senior trip. What else is there to say? *Photo Submitted*

Many pictures were taken with trees during the 80's, but light posts worked just as well if there were no trees available.

The 1980's style of group pictures was that of sporatic placements and rough stances and expressions.

Big hair, dark blue and pink make-up, and gaudy earrings were thought to be fashionable.

Dr. Lestmann with his wife in the early 80's.

Flashback

Students years ago play with their matresses in the snow on the grassy bowl just like some students do today.

The students of the 80's leisurely walked around the triangle when there were still trees.

Check out the 80's hairstyles. And while you're at it, notice Mr. Marc Neddo standing up on the back row with the striped sweater next to his twin brother.

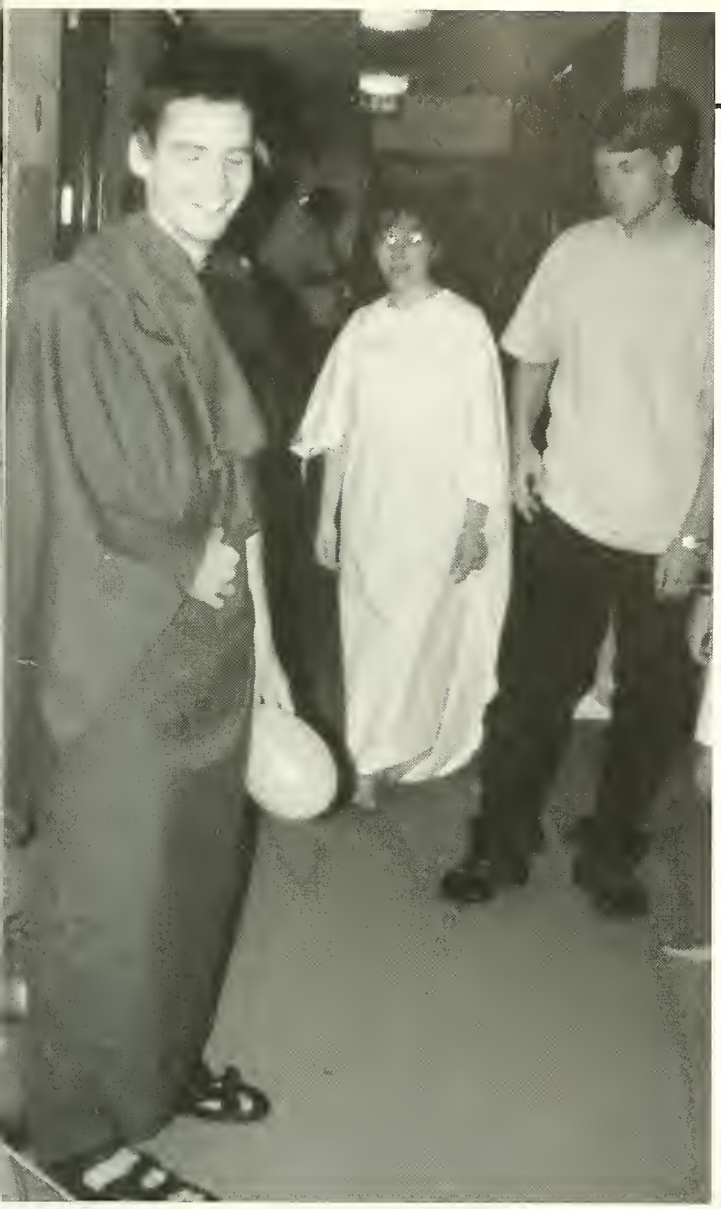
Open Dorm

Mitch Hoskins tries to blend in with the vacuum cleaners at the open dorm toga party.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

David Haase's harem, Laura Luster, Paula Heathershaw, Anna Kellogg, and April Phillips, complement his new hairstyle.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Jonathan Pfaff displays his women, Jen Vanden Heuvel, Claire Williams, Charity Simmons, Krista Breuninger, Leah Hochanadel, and Jewel Gardner.
Photo Submitted

Micah Odor relaxes in what we hope is a girl's room during open dorm.
Photo by Christine Dennis



Open Dorm started as always, with one dorm each weekend (or less) open and promoting a certain theme. However, good conduct and the lack of meeting places after the fire led to a change in unofficial policy. All the dorms were open each Friday night from 9:00-12:30. There were differing views on this adjustment. Many liked it, because there were then many options for places to go and play games or watch movies. However, some did not like it because it was harder to find their friends and made open dorm less special. If all the dorms are open during that time, and no one is doing anything really special, it becomes as boring as going other places. Those for the change argue that this simply gives us more options and calls on our own creativity instead of being catered to by others. Even though there is a split of opinions on the matter, SDO will continue to contemplate the best option for this dorm privilege.

by Jill Womack

Josh Daugereau majestically beckons all women to view his humble abode.
Photo by Christine Dennis

David Henderson is prepared to defend his room from all unwanted guests. He has mastered the art of the Ninja.
Photo by Christine Dennis

Dr. Brown: Does He Ever Change?

Dr. Brown memorializes his youth, but he doesn't look a day older than 30!

Hey, check out how shiny the top of his desk is.

Nothing has changed. Same old Dr. Brown.

What Beatles song are **you** playing, Dr. Brown?

This IS Dr. Brown.

Here is another gradutaion not so long ago . . .

The groundbreaking for the Student Life Center.

Just how long has Dr. Brown been a part of the Graduation ceremony?

"My soul will wait. My soul waits silently for God, my God, God my Refuge and I will live. And, oh some destiny still waits for me."
— Stavesacre

Moises prepares a kick for a winning goal.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Jason Beschta tries to get open for the ball.
Photo by Steve Paulson

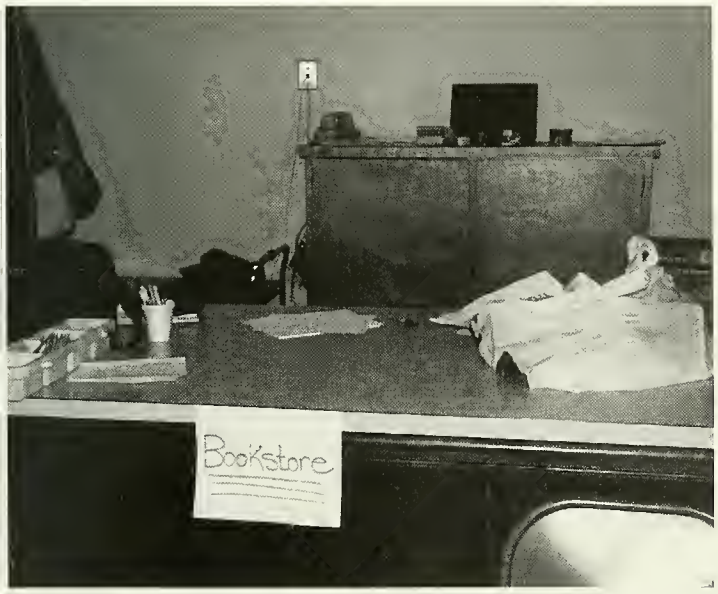
Nike likes free advertising.
Photo by Steve Paulson

So, what is it the bookstore sold for those first few days of reopening?
Photo by Steve Paulson

"In your cry, I'll always be near, but in your laughter I don't disappear. I'll gladly wipe your tear, but I'll never become your teddy bear."
— Blindside

The towel boys are vital to the game of basketball.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Hope Dallanegra's little sister beams because of the honor of wearing Hope's graduation cap.
Photo by Bethany Horton



Erin Beanie Baby.
Photo by Bethany Horton

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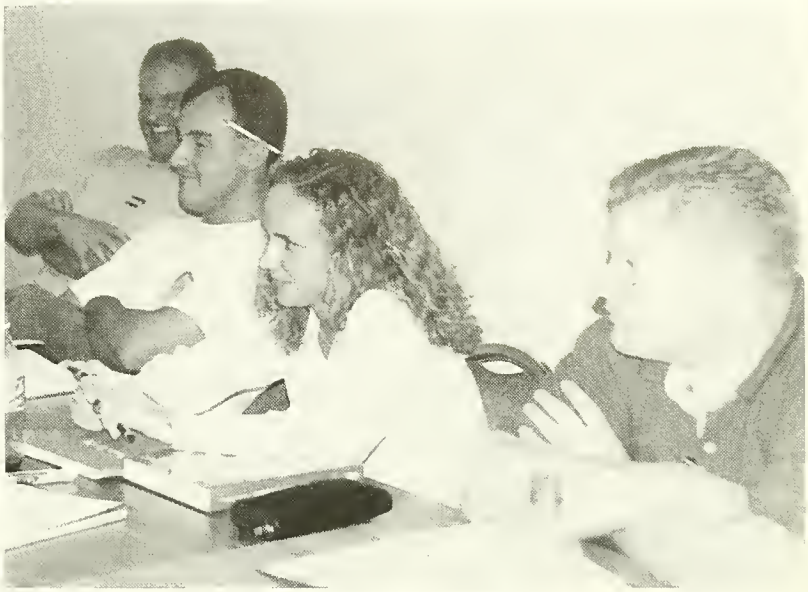

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Quinn, Brian
Ridge, Cindy

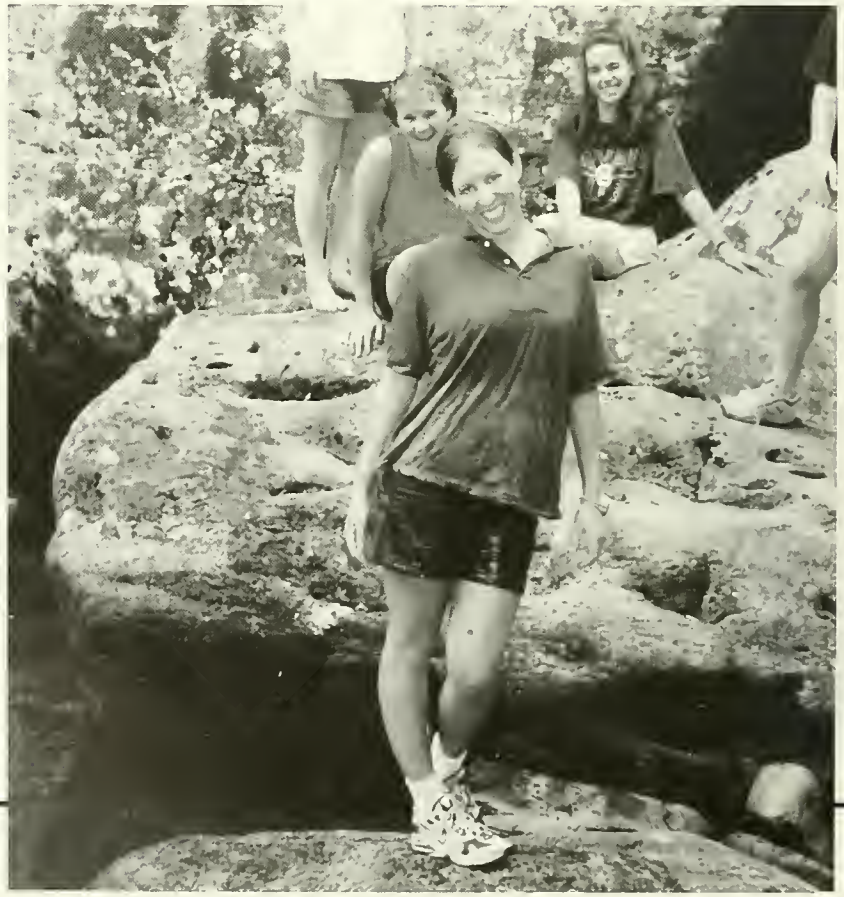
Ryan, Greg A.
Standridge, Scott
Steele, Marion
Thompson, Joanna
Watson, Bo

Sam Kostreva helps Yvonne west plant a garden by Rudd through the work-study program.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Josh Bales marches like a soldier to roast his marshmallows at the Freshman bonfire.
Photo by Jewel Gardner

"Silence breathes the day and the morning on my face. Here we are at the moment and I'm trapped. Even as I lie a thought returns to mind: welcome to the rest of your life." — Stavesacre

Betsy goes for a swim at Pocket during welcome week.
Photo by Steve Paulson



Working Students

All too often the working students of Bryan College are overlooked. There are some students on this campus who work anywhere from 25 to 40 hours a week, go to school an average of 17 hours a week and still maintain a 3.5 GPA. Although the working students at Bryan spread themselves pretty thin, they make time to participate in Bryan activities like games and Bible studies. Jobs in which students participate range from geriatric nurses, to fast food workers to pharmacy technicians. "We have to work in order to pay the bills. I don't mind it. It feels good to get my paycheck and know that I am paying for my own education," said one working Bryan College student. "It's somewhat overwhelming sometimes. I have to make sure that I manage my time well, but I'm sure that knowing how to work and support myself will pay off in the long-run," commented one full-time worker and student. To the working students of Bryan College, we are proud of you and commend you for your constant dedication and hard work.

by Erica Herman

A New Yorker in the South? We will convert Matt Southards yet! *Photo by Steve Paulson*

Joey Amadee makes an urgent call during Chorale Tour. *Photo by Christine Dennis*

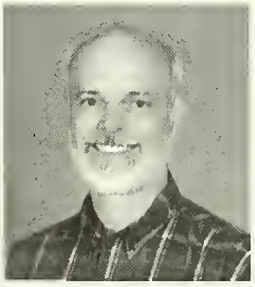
Chris Bean and Mary MacLean work on building the set for the Christmas Concert. *Photo by Steve Paulson*

Is that a corndog or a microphone, Dr. Coffield?
Photo by Steve Paulson

Now we take a minute to mention those who choose to come here and influence students for Christ. Not only do these people instruct us, but they also reflect Christ above all.

Faculty and Staff

Mr. Doyle Argo
Dr. Stephen Barnett
Mr. Jim Barth
Miss Jerri Beck
Mr. Matt Benson



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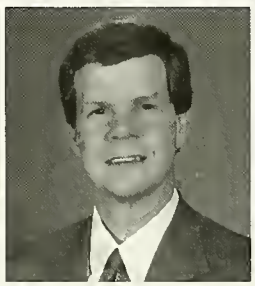
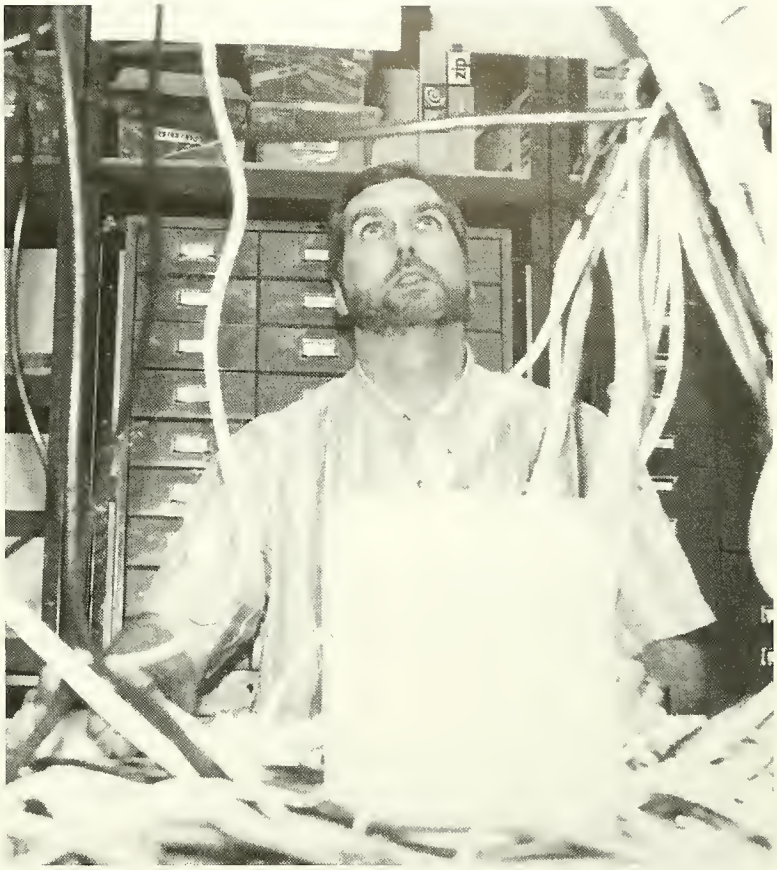


Heeeyyy! The Bruehls step back into the 50's on decade day of Spirit Week.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mr. Stefon Gray can make perfect sense of the numerous wires in his office. I'm glad someone can!
Photo by Steve Paulson



Mrs. Diana Buttram
Mrs. Valerie Castlen
Mrs. Christine Catlett
Dr. Jim Coffield
Dr. Richard Cornelius

Mr. Mark Cruver
Miss Winnie Davey
Mr. Tom Davis
Mrs. Patty Duvall
Dr. David Fouts

Kimberly and Jennifer Berry
Photo Submitted

Kristi Lestmann and Keri-Lynn Paulson
Photo by Steve Paulson

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1: 16 NIV

Josh and Sarah Drake
Photo Submitted

Matt and Allison Johnson
Photo Submitted

Siblings

Family plays an important role at Bryan College. Many students hear about Bryan through parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, or grandparents who attended. There have always been a good number of younger siblings joining their older brothers and sisters as students. Older siblings often serve to help make the transition to Bryan easier, as well as providing support and friendship through all sorts of experiences. This year at Bryan, there were eleven pairs of sisters, five pairs of brothers, and eight brother/sister duos. As everyone knows, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. However, this year, the *Commoner* has chosen to highlight the special familial relationship.

by Sarah Drake

Lydia and Mesha Tallent
Photo Submitted

Nate and Luke Robinson
Photo Submitted

There are many wonderful opportunities to take advantage of sunny weather by having class outdoors, as Dr. Legg does often.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Mrs. Marlene Fouts
Dr. Ken Froemke
Mrs. Marcy Froemke

Mr. Tom Gardner
Miss Myra Goza
Ms. Jan Green

Mrs. Kem Harris
Dr. Stephanie Hartz
Dr. Martin Hartzell
Mrs. Christine Hassevoort
Mrs. Jennifer Hattley

Mrs. Krista (Hellner) Hetzell
Dr. Brian Hill
Mr. Terry Hill
Mrs. Gale Hood
Mr. Tim Hostetler

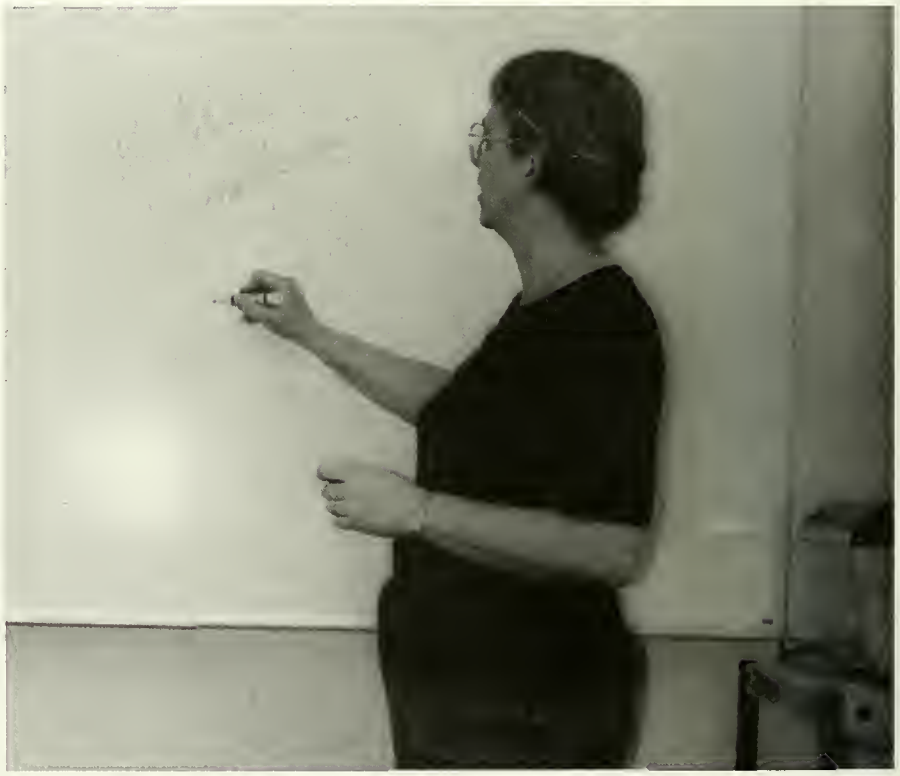
Roy Hattley rakes leaves that have been blown into piles by the leaf-blower. Lucky for him that there were no rambunctious students around!
Photo by Steve Paulson

Is Dr. Lestmann pondering a deep thought or merely resting his head? One will never know.
Photo by Steve Paulson

Miss Sarah Hurley
Dr. Beth Impson
Dr. Dennis Ingolfsland
Mrs. Vonnie Johnson
Dr. Whit Jones

Dr. Ruth Kantzer
Mr. Tom Kemner
Dr. Bill Ketchersid
Dr. William Lay
Mrs. Margie Legg

Dr. Beth Impson



Dr. Beth Impson came to Bryan because it was a place that met both her and her husband's needs. She has previously taught at the University of Kansas, SW Missouri State, Tabor College, and Belhaven. Outside of school, she enjoys reading world article reviews and working on the book she is writing. She is a fanatic for KU men's basketball. She is originally from Texas, but she feels like home is Lawrence, Kansas, where she grew up. Her favorite thing about teaching is getting to know, work with, and influence students. She least likes grading the essays at the end of the semester. When she was young, she dreamed of being a fiction writer. So, why did she decide to teach? First of all, necessity. Secondly, a concern that Christians couldn't articulate Christian beliefs.

Dr. Ernie Ricketts

Dr. Ernie Ricketts is from Dayton and obviously loves this part of the country. But he also enjoys anything Greek, like the language, the food, the beauty of the land. He began teaching because he enjoys studying, researching, and sharing what he learns. He specifically teaches Greek because it is helpful for those who want to go into the ministry, and a pastor suggested it to him. He also has some funny stories to tell. When he was in junior high, he took guitar lessons from his pastor. One day, the pastor asked him to play in church. He told young Ricketts to play "Crying in the Chapel" by Elvis Presley, not knowing what it was about. I'm sure he never heard the end of that one! He also used to play in a rock band in high school. He played the guitar and his specialty was Boston's "More Than a Feeling." Perhaps this is one talent that should come out into the open again.

by Jill Womack

Mr. Brett Roes displays his famous smile during a conversation. Just one question: Was that conversation real or staged?
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Since the school has so many financial needs at this time, Dr. Masoner resorts to doing commercials to supplement the college's status.
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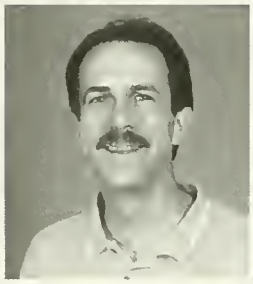

Mr. Bruce Morgan apprehends Matt Southards and Jonathan Pfaff, famous for their trench coats and rollerblades.
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And now we see a side of Dr. Sigrid Luther that few have seen before.
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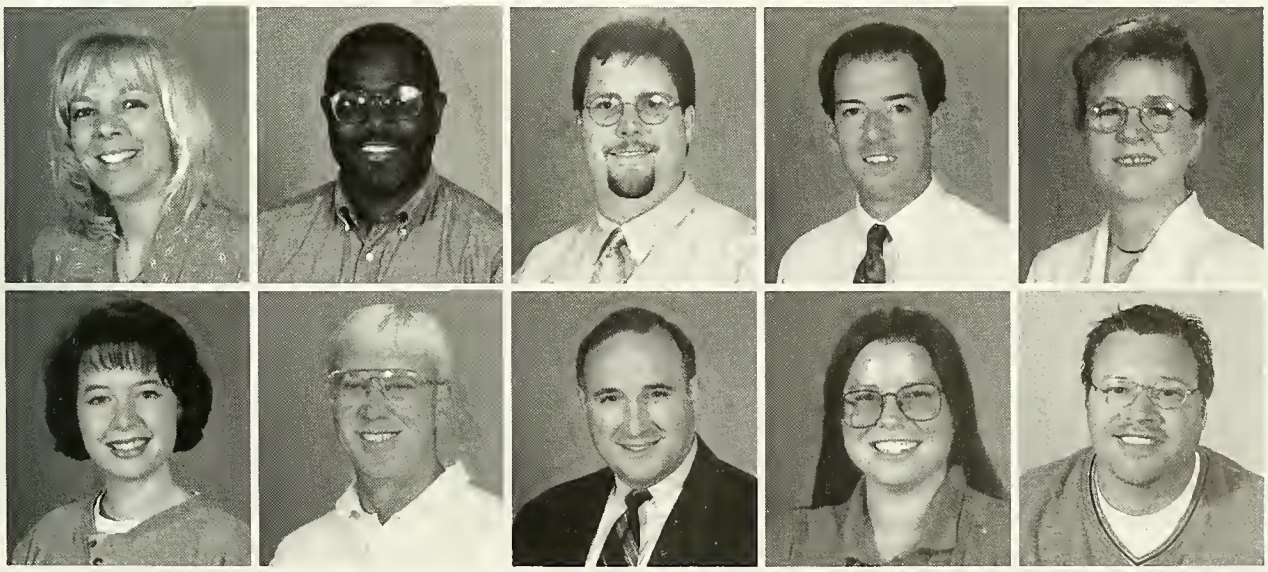

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Dr. Stephanie Hartz

She came to Bryan because she felt that the environment would be one where she could grow spiritually. She was just trying to survive in the secular field, but here she can integrate faith and science. She taught for one and a half years at James Madison University. She bikes, plays the cello, enjoys music of all kinds. Her most interesting student would be one with many questions, but one who can make connections without her help and could even challenge her while being humble. She lived in Montreal, Canada for about eight months studying virology. She had trouble with the language barrier, because they use both English and French. She left to study the cello, but developed tendonitis, so she returned to grad. school at the University of Maryland. Her favorite thing about teaching is seeing the lightbulb go on when students understand what she is teaching. She loves to spark an interest in apathetic students and get them involved.

Dr. Robert Simpson

Since Dr. Simpson has been teaching at this school for 19 years, it is more important how his life has been while here than what brought him here so many years ago. He said that Bryan has definitely affected his spiritual walk, especially in the things he has learned from Dr. Bill Brown and the wonderful testimony of encouragement from faculty and students. In light of the college-wide response to the fire in the Administration building, Simpson said, "It has confirmed that we really are a family; from the President to students to faculty to maintenance workers." What a wonderful attitude to have considering that his office was on the third floor!

Dr. Kurt Wise teaches his class outdoors on sunny days. When the topic is science, what better setting?
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Dr. Mel Wilhoit loves investing time in students' lives, especially at a Christmas party.
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Mr. Tom Shaw is hard at work in his old office in the Ad. building.
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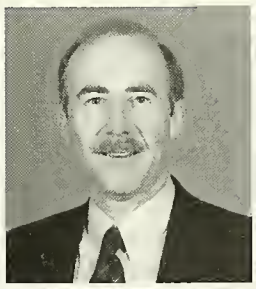

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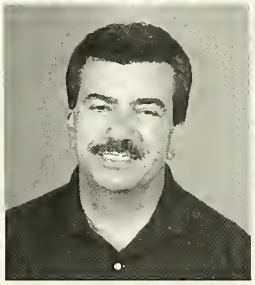

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Sir Snood of Dededo,
Okay Joking aside, we love you. As Laura and I were thinking about what we want to write here we came to the conclusion that our list is way ~~to~~ long. There is so much we want to tell you and so little space. I guess we'll just hit a few highlights. Growing up with you has been, well, unique. No, it has been awesome! Neither one of us could have asked for a better brother. You've been there through it all and have ~~stage~~ encouraged us all the way, Even ~~from~~ across the miles, no matter what time we call. Watching your walk with God, watching you turn into the leader, the man God wants you to be, has encouraged both of us in our faith. We love you and we are so proud of you.

Love,
Come and Laura
(Corrie)

Nothing gives more peace and comfort to a parent than to know their children are walking in God's path, yielding to His spirit and learning to live in His grace. We pray that you witness the peace we have of watching a son grow in God's eyes; the happiness we've experienced; the heart so full, it easily spills at times like this. Thanks so much for being our son,

With love,
Mom and Dad

Deuteronomy 4:9

CONGRATULATION

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him Romans 8:28

Love Dad

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me

Philippians 4:13

Love Mom

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus. Hebrews 12:1b,2a

Love John Jr.

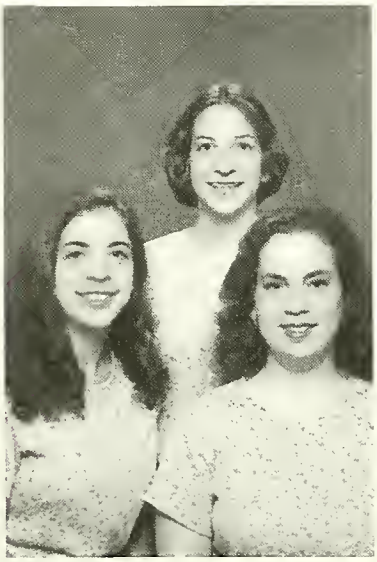
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.
May God continue to bless you.

Congratulations Jennifer!!

Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Jennifer, we have so many memories of watching the leaves "dancing", baking, and you ALWAYS wanting pineapple casserole. You have always been special being my first grandchild. May God bless you always.

Love, Grandma A
John 3:16



Jennifer, as you face different stages in your life, remember a day well spent includes prayer and thanksgiving. We are very proud of you.

Love, Paw-Paw and Fay
I Thes. 5:17-18

Jennifer, I am very proud of you. I know that when Paw-Paw watched you graduate from high school, he was so very proud. Although he is no longer with us here on earth, I know he is watching from above. May God be with you and guide you.

Love, Grandma B
Romans 5:2

To Our "Doofy"

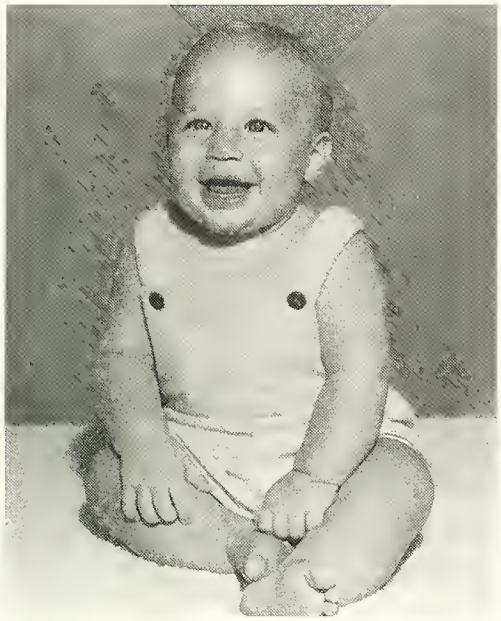
Our Doofy is very special to us. Whether playing Skip-Bo or working at Chick-Fil-A, you always brings joy into our lives. No matter how far apart we are, we will always be your little "It and Munkin". Congratulations!

We love you!
Kimberly and Christina
Phil. 4:13 Isa. 40:31

JENNIFER ELIZABETH

From "Doppy" to "I right here" and making Henry, you have grown into a very special young lady. We pray your future is filled with His peace and abundant in His love. May God bless and direct your path always and give you the happiness you have always given us. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

We Love You, Jennifer!
Mommy and Daddy
Ps. 37:4



Nathan S. Robinson

NATE Seems like just yesterday you were doing the "shuffle, shuffle" for us! We were proud of you then, and we still are. As you face your future, remember the promises of Jeremiah 29:11 and verse 13.

That's our prayer—that you will always seek Him with all your heart!

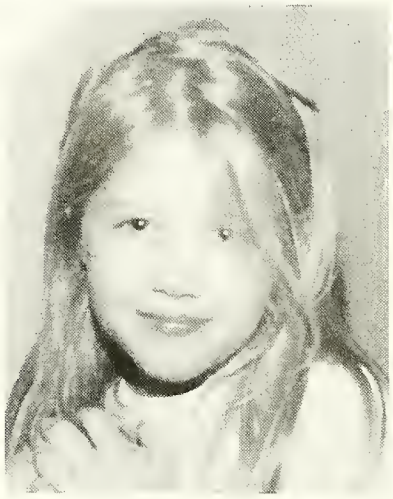
Congratulations!

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Luke, Jordon (Pap, Grandma, etc., etc., etc.)

"May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!"

PROVERBS 23:25



Ashley Siskey

Ashley, we are glad and do rejoice that God gave us such a wonderful daughter and sister.
We are proud of You!

Mom & Dad & Jonathan

Christopher,

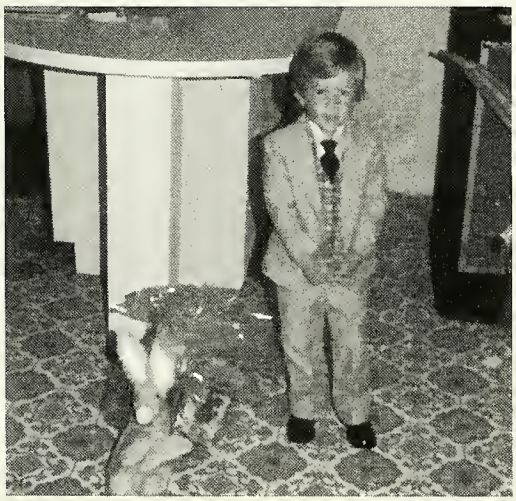
It has been a wonderful blessing as we have watched you grow and mature into the man of God that you are today. We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Cynthia

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6



Christopher Bean

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace, the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever."

Isaiah 32:17

"For He has made Him to be sin for us; . . . that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

II Corinthians 5:21

Jeremiah 29:11

Mary MacLean

Congratulations!

We love you and are very proud of you.
We are praying for God's best for you.

Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Chip Miller!

We thank God for a son who gives his family so many reasons to be proud. Through the years, you've grown so much in your faith, and your words and actions have been such a wonderful reflection of what is in your heart. On your graduation, we hope you know how much you're loved and what a blessing it has been to see you become the special person you are.

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

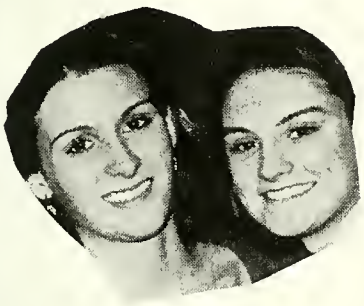
Jill Reeves

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30

". . . for you were formally darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and rightousness and truth, trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Ephesians 5:8-10

Remember, Jill, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of ALL knowledge and wisdom. We are proud of you and we love you very much!

Dad, Mom, April and Timothy



Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5 & 6
We love you!!
We're so proud of you!!

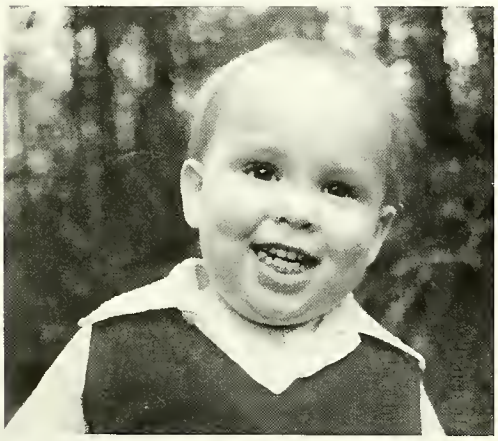
Joshua Philip Drake

We love you and are SO proud of you! We are praying for you as you go from this phase of your life to the next. We're behind you all the way, buddy!

Love,
Daddy, Mama, Adam, Sarah Elizabeth, and Gran

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13



Congratulations, Jason! We are so proud of you and thankful to the Lord for His great faithfulness.

We love you! Dad, Mom, Jolene and Brenna

Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation." PSALM 62:5, 6A

Wendi Bauman

We're proud of you, Wendi, and we love you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Nate and Andrew

"For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jennifer Smith

Jenn,
We love you and are so very proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom and Kate

Congratulations, Bekah!

We love you
and are proud of you
and your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Rebekah Paul

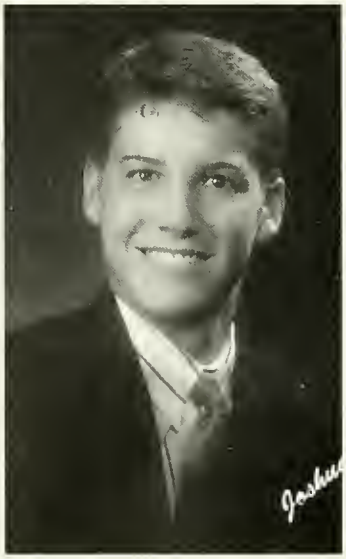
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! For the LORD gives wisdom, and from Him come knowledge and understanding. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." 2 Peter 3:18, Proverbs 2:6, Jeremiah 29:11

Joshua Hood

Dear Lord,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we go to our knees in tears thanking You for Joshua's life and the many ways You have blessed our lives through him. You created him to be sensitive to Your voice and when You called him to China to teach for a year, he followed: thus Deuteronomy 31:8 became our strength. We have grown in Your love as a result of Joshua's love for You. Thank you for giving us Joshua!

Joshua's Mom, Dad,
and Jason



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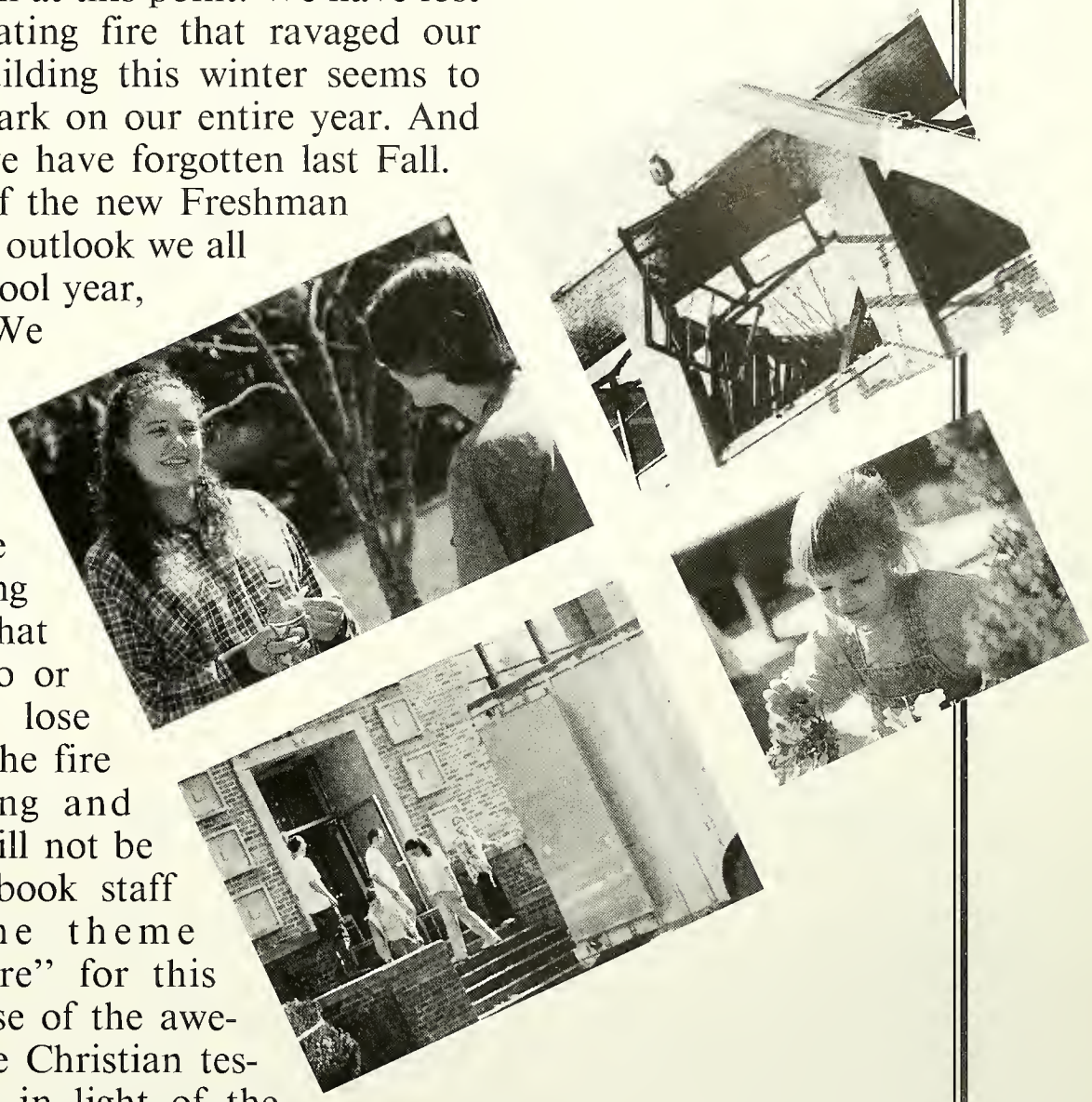
We may feel that our college world has been turned upside-down at this point. We have lost a lot. The devastating fire that ravaged our Administration building this winter seems to leave its lasting mark on our entire year. And yet how quickly we have forgotten last Fall. With the arrival of the new Freshman class and the fresh outlook we all brought to this school year, *we were on fire!* We were so in love with our Jesus and fully desired to give Him the glory. We were ready to do anything and go anywhere that He asked us to do or go. We must not lose that fire. That is the fire that is everlasting and what it destroys will not be rebuilt. The Yearbook staff had chosen the theme "Rekindle the Fire" for this year's book because of the awesome power of the Christian testimony. However, in light of the minor incident atop this hill later this year, we altered our theme. Not only do we need to stand in the face of this "adversity," but we also need to regain that fire for our Lord once again. Then we can truly say "We're Still On Fire."



Whether we live our Christian lives in service, or whether God has chosen us to be leaders, we know that He is constantly at work in our lives. Through all the tragedy and triumph of this year, we seek first to glorify Him. Is it a coincidence that the book of Psalms immediately follows Job? "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

From Among the Ashes

We stand among the now ancient ashes
In awe of what has now passed us
Wondering what this new day will bring
Wondering if we'll ever be able to sing
The way we used to sing praises to our King

With darkness still upon us, we stopped
In hopes that the hand that guides
The sparrow will draw us near
Ever nearer, that we will see Him here
That in His embrace, all will be clear

We stand looking through a glass darkly
Unable to see the path before us
We take the first steps to normality
Hoping to someday somehow encounter clarity
While straining our eyes to depend on God's charity

We stand among the now ancient ashes
In awe of what has now passed us
Astounded at what this new day will bring
While lifting up a new song to our King
While holding on to the promise of an angel's wing

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